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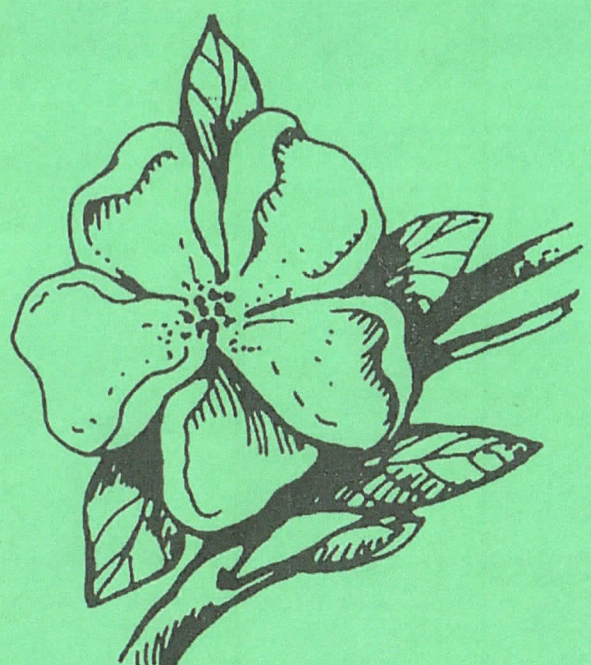

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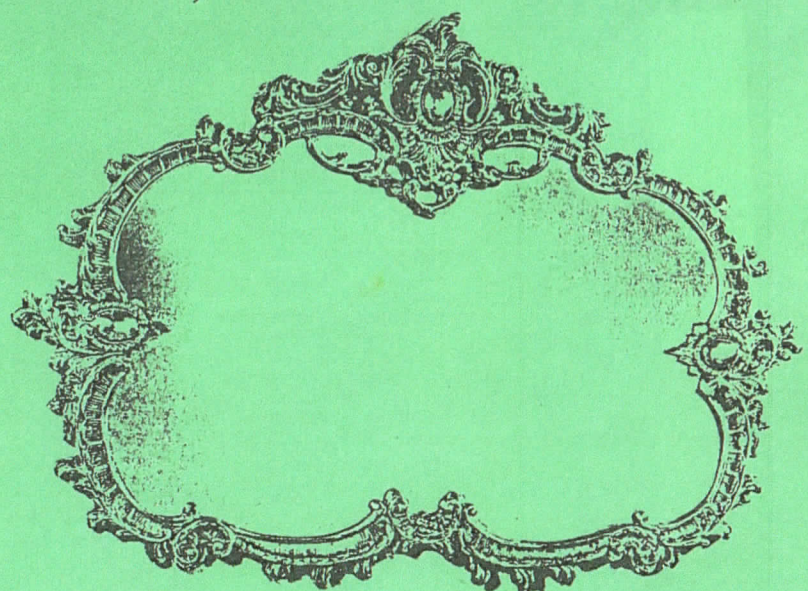

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Editor Note

Through research of family records, elder family members and common knowledge, we were able to compile the family history in this reunion book.

We realize that no matter how careful we are, errors will be made. Therefore, if you have any evidence to substantiate that this information is inaccurate, please notify the next planning committee so that corrections may be made in the future.

Any errors and omissions were due to limited information at the time of publication.

Mary Caples

Acquaintance Night Program

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Brenda Redman

Song ..... *"What A Fellowship"*

Invocation ..... Rev. Corneilus Taylor

Welcome Address ..... Jermaine Morgan

Solo .....

Reading ..... Joshua Hanshaw

The Blessing ..... George Morgan

Refreshments

Introduction of Family .....

PRIZES:

Oldest Person In Attendance
Youngest Person In Attendance
Person Traveled The Longest Distance
Person With The Largest Family

Future Plans ..... The 1995 Planning Committee

Banquet Program

Mistress of Ceremony ..... Constance Davis

Song ..... *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Invocation ..... Rev. Corneilus Taylor

Welcome Address ..... Denise Fox

Poem ..... Shibra Morgan

Family Values ..... Dr. Larry Hanshaw

Poem ..... Sadie Taylor

The Blessing ..... Donald Fox

Dinner

Reading ..... Brenda Redmon

Musical Selection ..... Corine Chikeka

Black Children Book ..... Dr. Evangeline Nicholas

Reading ..... Margaret Helen Sylvester

Introduction of Family .....

Remarks ..... Committee Members

Lift Every Voice And Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has
brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Bilbo Family History

Warner, Hiram, Nathaniel, Frank Bilbo and one sister name unknown came from North Carolina with Mr. George Granham to Basin then to Gautier.

Warner married Eliza and they had four (4) daughters namely: Emma, Patsy, Clara and Hannah, and three sons, Sherman, David and Eliga.

Emma married Walter Knight and they had four (4) children: Sadie, Rachel, Mattie and Walter.

Sadie Knight married Willie Harvey and to this union six (6) children were born: Ilamayme, Leoda, Walter, Emma, Alva and Norma.

Ilamayme married James Whitehead and they had three (3) children: Warren, Sadie and Leslie.

Warren married Nell Barial and they had three (3) children: Daphne, Warren Jr. and Darrel.

Daphne married Ernest Burts Sr. and they had three (3) children: Tameka, Ernest Jr. and Phillip.

Warren Jr. married Cortissha and they they two (2) children: Marsell and Candis. Warren Jr. later married Jean and they had one (1) daughter. Lisa Michelle

Sadie married Corneilus Taylor.

Leslie married Brenda Davison and they had one (1) daughter: Brandee. Leslie married Marilyn Barkum and they had two (2) sons: Melvin and Steven.

Leoda married Willie Manchester and they had two (2) girls: Cathernie and Leoda. Leoda later married Arnold Lambert.

Catherine married James Alexandria and they had three (3) children: Gezell, James Jr. and William, Catherine later married???Williams.

Gezell married Clark Colquitt and they had one (1) son: Terek. Gezell later married Curtis Williams.

James Jr. married Stacy and they had one (1) son David.

Leoda married Jesse Lewis and they had five (5) children: Lynette, Marion Denise, Jesse Jr., Cheryl, and Melanie. After Jesse passed Leoda married Danny Turner.

Lynette had five (5) children: Gia, Richard, Phyllis, Nicole and Derek.

Gia had three (3) children, Peter, Jessika and Tarencia Glaude.

Richard has two children: Richard and Aria.

Phyllis has three (3) children: Raphael, Ryphael and Aundria.

Marion Denise married Anthony Williams and they had one (1) daughter: Sadie. Marion Denise later married Donald Fox.

Jesse Jr. married Ann Johnson and they had one (1) daughter: Lakesha Lewis.

Cheryl married Dennis Mitchell and they had two (2) children: Ernest and Shaakira

Melanie married Ralph Walden and they have three (3) children: La Shanta, Ja Leasa and Ralphel

Walter married Regina Sabina and they had five (5) children: Antionette, Thresa, Geneva, Walter Jr. and Charles.

Geneva married Erskin Roberts and they had two (2) daughters: Regina and Janine.

Emma married Charles Wells and they had two (2) daughters: Claudia and Cathy.

Claudia married George Morgan and they had two (2) children: Shibra and Jermaine.

Cathy has one (1) daughter: Keshia.

Alva married Henry Steven Cowan and they had one (1) son: Dwaine.

Dwaine married Barbara Davis and they had two (2) children: Tiffancy and Stephen.

Norma married Clifton Caples and they had one (1) son, Harvey.

Harvey married Mary Miller and they had three (3) children: Harvey Jr., Courtney and Whitney.

Rachel Knight married James Adam and they had one (1) daughter, Eunice. After James passed, Rachel married Sherman Wallace.

Eunice married Freddy Jackson and they had one (1) daughter, Betty.

Betty married Jesse Davis and they had two (2) daughters; Constance and Rachel.

Constance has one (1) daughter, Adria.

Rachel married Travis Frost and they had three (3) children; Brittany, Keon, and Trevia.

Mattie Knight married William Byron Smyer and they had one (1) son, William Byron, Jr.

Walter Ellis married Natholie Muller. He later married Josephine Boea and they had one daughter, Margaret.

Margaret married Louis Martin and they had three (3) daughters; Diane, Robbie and Judy.

Diane married Quilla Williams.

Robbie married Alfred Scott and they had one (1) son, Sheon.

Judy married Anthony Sylvester and they had (2) children; Anthony Jr. and Margaret Helen.

Patsy married Moses Ruben and had one (1) daughter, Matilda.

Matilda married Arthur J. Cox Sr. and had three (3) children Edrice, Fredricka, and Arthur Jr. She later married M. A. Heslip.

Edrice married Lamont Earl Martin and they had two (2) sons: Lamont Lorenza and Louis Earl.

Lamont married Dorothy and they had four (4) children: Brenda, Tony, William and Lamont Jr.

Brenda married Johnny Wilkerson Sr. and they had two (2) children: Johnny Jr. and Brittney.

Lamont Jr. married Janet and had two (2) children; Fatima and Lamont III.

Louis married Margaret Ellis and they had three (3) daughters; Diane, Robbie and Judy .Grandchildren listed under Walter Ellis.

Fredricka married Fred Nicholas and they had one (1) daughter, Evangeline.

Arthur Jr. married Muriel and they had one (1) son, Arthur James III.

Hannah married Jacob Thomas and they had three (3) sons; Sherman, Nathaniel and Warner.

Leonard married Dorothy and they had two (2) children: Akiloh and Jabarie.

David Christian James has one (1) son, Alton.

Generetta married Eddie Larkins and they had six (6) children: Frozine, Deloris, Norma, Glenn, Theresa and Susie.

Frozine married Everette Culberson and they had six (6) children: Anthony, Darius, Bridgett, Tammie, Ryan and Todd.

Deloris has two (2) sons: Gary and Reginald

Norma married Charles Jackson Sr. and had two (2) children: Sandra and Charles Jr.

Glenn has four (4) children: Carlos Lott, Shemills Crear, Chermaine Davis and Quincy Crear.

Theresa married Zack Johnson and they had two (2) children: Clifford and Cheryl.

Susie married Carl Burton Sr. and had three (3) children: Carl Jr., Criag and Salisa Burton.

Bridgett Culberson had one (1) daughter, La Tonga Culberson.

Tammie Culberson had two (2) daughters: Skyler and Amber Culberson.

Reginald had two (2) chidren: Ebony and Reginald Jr.

Sandra married Kelvin Patton and they had one (1) daughter, Whitney.

Charles had one (1) son: La Barron McDonald.

Salisa married John Willis Sr. and they had one (1) son, John Jr.

Carl Burton had two (2) children: Lakendra and Carl III.

Craig married Felicia and they had four (4) children: Deonti, Craig Jr., Canesha and Brodrick.

Marguerite married James Hanshaw and they had five (5) children; James, Corine, Larry, Michael and Walter.

James married Bessie and they had two (2) children. Dwan and Charness.

Corine married Charles Chikeka and they had one (1) daughter, Chinyere.

Larry married Shirley and they had three (3) children: Ayoka Mariami, Nueka and Okera.

Michael married Patricia and they had three (3) children; Patrice, Connie and Lois.

Walter Hanshaw has a daughter April.

Walter married Theresa and they had one (1) son, Joshua.

Dwan Hanshaw married Janet and they have one (1) daughter, Breanne Christine.

Hiram Bilbo married Hannah and they had one (1) son: Alfred.

Alfred married Minervia and they had eight children: Hiram, Henry, Sam, Albert, Melissa, Sallie, Katie and Delena.

Delena married Joseph Jackson and they had six (6) children: Alfred, Minervia, Katie, Delena, Joseph and Gretchen.

Minervia married Willie Freightman and they had five (5) children: Yvonne Jones, JoAnne Wiley, Wanda Kay Nicholas, Larry Freightman and Michael Freightman, Willie and Minervia Freightman had six (6) grandchildren; Verna Huey, Latoya Freightman, Larry Freightman Jr., Dewayne Freightman, Danadra Wiley and Candice Wiley.

Katie married Iasac Jones and they had five (5) children; Patricia Gallaspy, Willie Jones, Linda Norwood, Alfred Jones and Phillip Jones. Iasac and Katie Jones had seven (7) grandchildren: Debra Speare, Shelia Chaney, Cassandra Gallaspy, Lakashia Jones, Keith Jones, Durand Norwood and Lamar Norwood.

Delena Jackson married Henry Coleman and they had five (5) children: Brenda Shutz, Henry Coleman, Jr., Morris Coleman, Leonard Coleman and Darrel Coleman. (Deceased). Delena and Henry Coleman had ten (10) grandchildren: Keshia Gildersleeve, Tonya Brown, Daria Sabino, mario Coleman, Leonard Ray Coleman, Nacole Huey, Laquida Shutz, De Shaon Shutz, De Shawn Coleman and Tamaka Coleman.

Charlene William Cunningham, Walter Ray Williams, Carmella Williams, Charlie Hill Williams, Crystal Williams, and Michael Williams. Sr. Charlene had three (3) sons; Lanell Hartzoy, Roland Stigger and Bennie Earl Larry jr. Bennie marrid Betty Mitchell and they had three (3) children: Tiffany, Quincy and Corvey. Walter married Paula Sue Bartee and they had two (2) Children Tara and Brandon Carmella married Robert Henderson and they had two (2) children: Ashley and Aaron.

Charlie Hill Williams had three (3) sons: Aaron, Sherwin and Charles.

Michael married Carolyn Johnson and thye had two (2) children: Carol Maria and Michael Jr., Michael Jr. married Vicki Catchings, and they had six (6) children Trenice, La Keshia, Shannon, Donta, Benjamin and Dewight. Shannon married Willie Gray.

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Nathaniel Bilbo married Easter Burney and they had (7) children Eliza, Sardin, Polly, John, Milton, Cynthia, and Bob. Eliza had (2) children Sink C. (Socum) Bilbo Smyers and Charlie Williams.

Sink Bilbo Smyers married Mary Evelyn Fairley and they had 12 children: Willie Bilbo, Ceasar N. Bilbo, Charlie Smyers Bilbo, Mary Alma Bilbo, Annie L. Bilbo, Sink C. Bilbo, Jr., Laura V. Smyers, Juno B. Smyers, Ida Y. Smyers, Edna Jean Smyers, Gladys I. Smyers, Sarah E. Smyers.

Charlie Smyers Bilbo married Ella Wells and they had four (4) children. Charlie Smyers Bilbo, Jr., Debra Bilbo, Lafaunda Reha Bilbo, Lafaunda Leha Bilbo.

Mary Alma Bilbo married Mark Redom and she had two (2) children, Mark P. Redmon, Jr., Brenda K. Redmon.

Annie L. Bilbo married James Wells and they had one (1) daughter: Lillian Diane Wells

Sink C. Bilbo, jr. married his first wife Minnie Bell Mrshall and they had five (5) children: Cheryl Gipson, Derek Tyron Bilbo, kenny J. Bilbo, William Darwin Bilbo, Dwayne C. Bilbo. Second wife Maggie Jean Crockett.

Ida Y. Smyers married A. J. Bickham and they had one (1) son, Kevin Nathaniel Bickham

Edna Jean Smyers had 1 child,, Michael Eugene Smyers.

Nathaniel

Gladys I. Smyers married Douglas Martin and she had one (1) daughter: Stephanie Latrice Martin

Sarah E. Smyers married Alex Jackson and they had two (2) children: Larry Anthony Jackson and Alex Jackson, Jr.

Mark P. Redmon, Jr. married Lois Hill and they had two (2) children: Konteint Dessalina Redmon, Markeeta Pathenia Redomn.

Lillian Diane Wells married Melvin Hodge and they had two (2) children: Melvin Hodge II and De'Anna Urametria Hodge.

Charlie Smyers Bilbo, Jr. married Shelia Durden and they had one (1) son: Charlie Smyers Bilbo III.

Michael Eugene Smyers married Shirley Molturie and they had three (3) children: Michael Eugene Smyers, Jr., Kendrick L. Smyers and Kendrell D. Smyers,

Kevin N. Bickham married Beatrice Johnson and they had one (1) child: Kalsha M. Johnson

4 Frank Bilbo married Sophia and they had five (5) sons and seventeen daughters: Scott, Borden, Fred, Adam, Virgil, Alphis Blake, Evelyn, Frances, Janet McPherson, Hester Thompson, Addia Moore, Theresa Smith and Eva kennedy.

Thersa Bilbo married Nathan Smith and they one (1) child Flora.

Flora Smith married Lloyd Hanks.

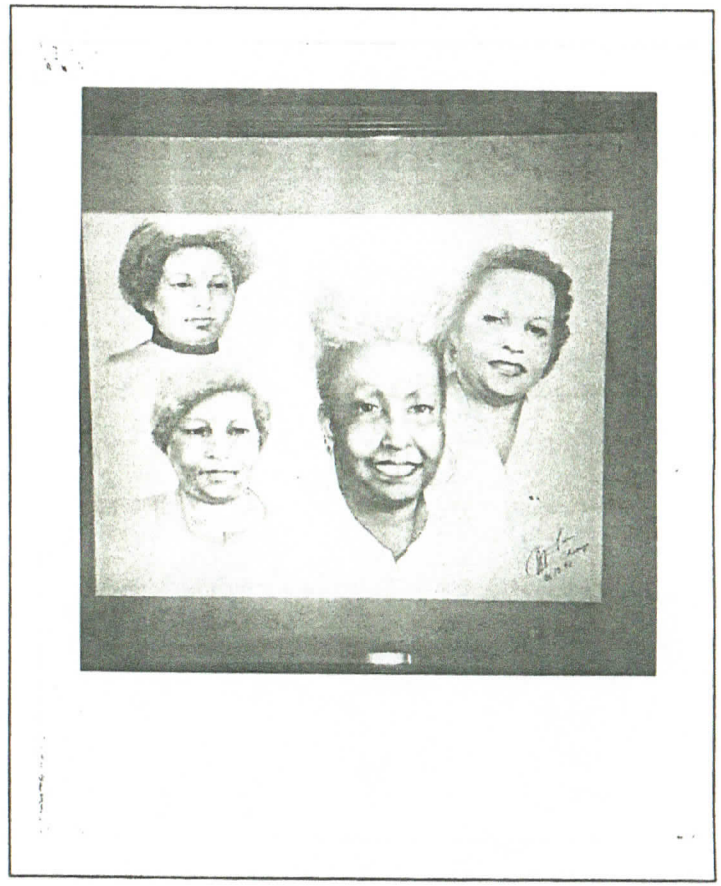
Alphis Bilbo married John Blake and they five (5) children Frank, Laura, Prisicallia, Lilie & Ben

Ben Blake married Bessie Williams and they had five (5) chilren: Ben Jr. Johnny Edward, Vonita and Jerry.

Ned Bilbo married Caroline and they had two (2) chidren: Emma, & Taite.

Emma Bilbo married Willie Brazley and they had (12) children: Loviece, Alvin, Willie, Harold, Edward, James, Hermis, Rudolph, Cathryn, Carolyn, Philomena and Olga.

Olga Brazley married Charles Chestang and they had three (3) children: Charles Jr. Anne and Phyllis.



Patsy, Ruben, Matilda Mae Ruben Cox Heslip, Evangeline Nicholas & Fredricka Cox Nicholas

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Sadie Harvey & Rachel Wallace

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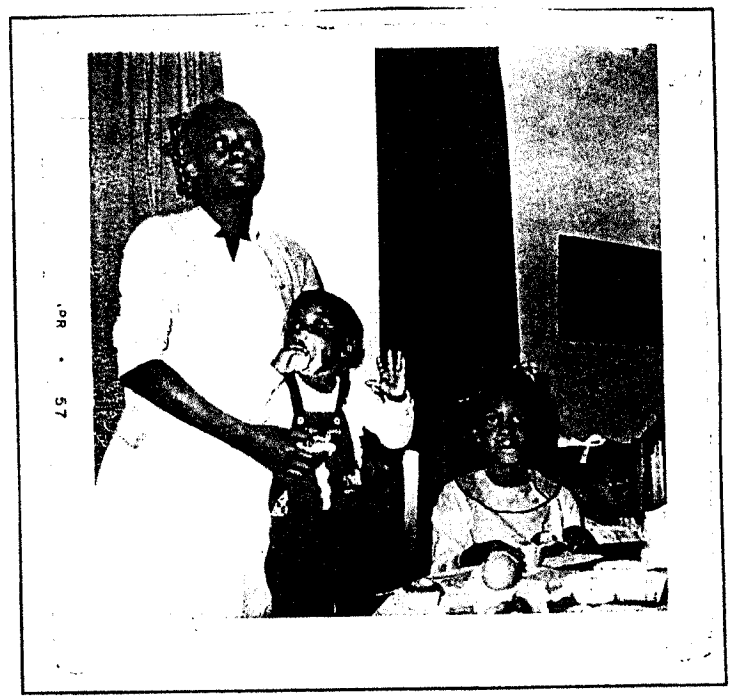

Leoda Manchester Lambert

Walter Harvey

Eliza Bilbo Head

Lois Bilbo James Ladiner

Leoda Turner

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Henry Steven Cowan

Olga Mae Brazley Chestang

Warner & Eliza Bilbo
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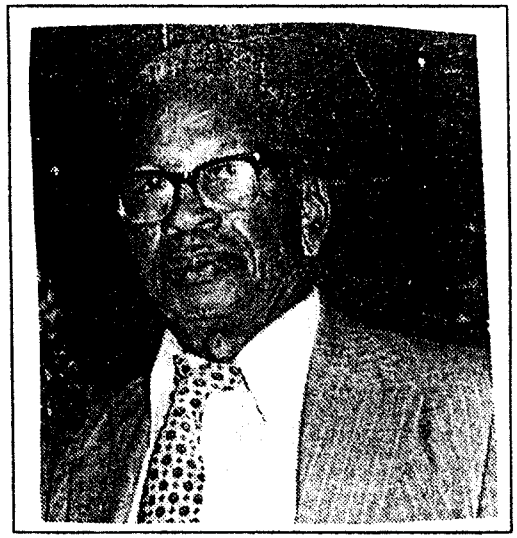

James Whitehead

Charles Edward Wells

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Forence Willis Williams

Susie De Vaughn Bulter

Matilda Mae Ruben Cox Heslip

Birthdays

JANUARY	
1	Cheryl Mitchell
3	Sarah Smyers Jackson
7	Richard Evans
13	Brent & Brenn Crosby
14	Ernest Burts Jr
15	Eunice Jackson
17	Leslie Whitehead
25	Stephen Cowan
29	Dennis Mitchell
29	Dwayne C. Bilbo
30	Shaakira Mitchell
31	Alfred Jackson
FEBRUARY	
2	Norma Jean Jackson
4	Phillip Burts
13	Brandee Whitehead
15	Shirley Hanshaw
15	Geneva Roberts
17	Nell Whitehead
20	Gladys S. Martin
23	Sink C. Bilbo, Jr.
23	Bridgett Y. Culberson
26	Chinyere M. Chikeka

Birthdays (Continued)

MARCH	
1	Gezell Williams
3	John A. James
3	Genretta Larkins
5	Whitney Caples
19	Marquerite J. Hanshaw
20	Ralphel Walden
25	De'anna Hodge
27	Lynette Davis
APRIL	
1	Marsell Whitehead
1	Antionette Harvey
1	Shibra Morgan
4	Corine V. Chikeka
6	Thresa Harvey
8	Dwaine Cowan
8	Okera S. Hanshaw
8	Nveka T. Hanshaw
12	James A. Hanshaw
16	Nathaniel Thomas
17	Ja Leasa Walden
18	Minervia Freightman
20	Sadie Williams
24	Kevin N. Bickham

Birthdays (Continued)

APRIL (Continued)	
27	Cathy Wells
28	Derek Robinson
28	Claudia Morgan
MAY	
*3	Lisa Evans
14	Michael Smyers, Jr.
*17	Peter Glaude, Sr
17	Larry Jackson
18	Melanie Walden
18	Corneilus Taylor
19	Todd Culberson
22	Donald Fox
*26	Marquita Evans
29	Delena Coleman
29	Aria Evans
JUNE	
4	Patrice A. Hanshaw
6	Candis Whitehead
7	Denise Fox
12	Lillian D. Hodge
14	Charlie Williams
17	Juno B. Smyers, Jr.
18	Tameka Burts
18	Katie Jones

Birthdays (Continued)

JUNE (Continued)	
19	Derek T. Bilbo
19	Daphne Burts
20	Cheryl Gipson Hariskon
21	Glen A. Larkins
21	Michael Smyuers, Sr.
24	Kelsha Johnson
26	Olga Mae Chestang
30	Emma Wells
JULY	
5	Barbara Cowan
7	Tiffany Cowan
10	Alex Jackson, Jr.
12	Charles Harvey
14	Norma Caples
15	Catherine Williams
22	Betty Davis
24	Michael A. Hanshaw
30	Courtney Caples
AUGUST	
2	Tiffany Dunmars
8	Jesse Lewis
19	Brittany Davis
19	Harvey Caples, Sr.
20	Edna Jean Smyers

Birthdays (Continued)

AUGUST (Continued)	
23	Gladys L. Williams
24	Raphael & Ryphael Lewis
25	Phyllis Lewis
27	Clifton Caples
SEPTEMBER	
6	Melvin Hodge II
12	Richard Lewis
12	Sadie Taylor
13	Alva Cowan
22	Gia Lewis
22	Nicole Lewis
23	Peter Glaude, Jr.
24	Darrell Whitehead
*26	Regina Marquis
28	Ida Smyers Bickham
28	Jessika Glaude
OCTOBER	
*1	Carlos Martin
5	Ilamayme Whitehead
6	Tarencia Glaude
14	Constance Davis
14	Warren Whitehead, Jr.
18	La Shanta Lewis
31	Marketta P. Redmon

Birthdays (Continued)

NOVEMBER	
2	Charlie Bilbo, Sr.
3	Warren Whitehead, Sr
*4	Melvin Barkum
*10	Darteniar Evans
16	Kendrick Smyers
16	Kendrell Smyers
19	Joshua A. Hanshaw
22	George Morgan
23	Larry G. Hanshaw
24	Mark P. Redmon, Jr.
26	Walter A. Hanshaw
26	Tyan L. Culberson
27	Keshia Wells
30	Kenneth J. Bilbo
30	Stephanie L. Martin
30	Brenda K. Redmon
DECEMBER	
1	Annie Bilbo Wells
2	Adria Davis
3	Harvey Caples, Jr
*4	Starr Martin
6	Delores Larkins
7	Arnold Davis
12	Flora Hanks

Birthdays (Continued)

DECEMBER (Continued)	
13	Mary Caples
17	Lakesha Lewis
18	Fronzine Culberson
18	Jermaine Morgan
19	Rachel Davis
20	Steven Whitehead
28	Ralphel Walden
29	Ernest Mitchell
29	Konteint Redmon

BILBO -

See case # 5155

heirs of Galloway, Bilbo, Burney
& others

Signatures

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ancestry

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	**Frank Bilbo**
Home in 1880:	Southwest, Jackson, Mississippi
Age:	46
Estimated birth year:	abt 1834
Birthplace:	Mississippi
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)
Spouse's name:	Sophie
Father's birthplace:	Mississippi
Mother's birthplace:	Mississippi
Neighbors:	
Occupation:	Laboror
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	Black
Gender:	Male
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	
Deaf and dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	

Household Members:

Name	Age
Frank Bilbo	46
Sophie Bilbo	35
Alfrid Bilbo	15
Jennie Bilbo	12
Eva Bilbo	10
Ann Bilbo	8
Edna Bilbo	6
Addie Bilbo	4

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on the deck of the aircraft carrier Nimitz off Jacksonville, Fla.

on and the lights apparently startled the motorcyclist.

Deaths

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BILBO

Lawrence J. Bilbo, 81, Route 8, Box 45, Pascagoula (Helena), was dead on arrival at Singing River Hospital on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1981. Mr. Bilbo was born April 25, 1900, and was a lifelong resident of Jackson County. He was a World War I veteran, serving in the Navy, and was a member of Pine Grove United Methodist Church.

Survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Nellie B. Tootle, Vancleave, Mrs. Cora Cox, Merritt Island, Fla., and Lessie Tootle, Ocean Springs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. today, Sept. 8, 1981, at the Pine Grove United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Rodney Duke and the Rev. Forrest Coleman officiating.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Holder-Wells Funeral Home of Moss Point in charge of arrangements.

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FOSTER

Mrs. Ethel Lowrey Foster, 69, 12152 Merrill Place, Lakeside, Calif., died Thursday, Sept. 3, 1981, at Singing River Hospital. She was a native of Weaksville, N.C.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at New Hollywood Cemetery with Twifords Funeral Home of Elizabeth City, N.C., in charge.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home of Pascagoula in charge of local arrangements.

LOCKE

was a retired electrician from Ingalls Shipbuilding, a member of IBEW Local 733, and a member of Becky Bacot United Methodist Church, Pascagoula.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jewell A. Locke, Pascagoula; two daughters, Mrs. Cliftine Griron, Guatemala, and Mrs. Thomas N. (Dianne) Roberts, Gautier; his mother, Mrs. Stella Powell, Gulfport; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, Sept. 6, 1981, from 6 to 8 at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula. On Monday Mr. Locke lay in state from 9 a.m. until funeral service at 10 a.m., at Becky Bacot United Methodist Church. The Rev. Glenn Howell, the Rev. Lamont Rouse and the Rev. Cecil Jones officiated.

Pallbearers were Charles Ryals, Charles Fortenberry, Gent Sherman, Billy Williams, C.B. Cunningham and Wesley Smith.

Interment was in Jackson County Memorial Park, Pascagoula.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Other deaths

THOMAS J. RUFFUL SR., 80, Beaver Dam Community, Lucedale. Services 2 p.m. Wednesday, St. Lucy's Catholic Church, Lucedale. Falls Funeral Home, Lucedale.

EARL WRIGHT, 85, 500 Benachi Ave., Biloxi. Services 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church. Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi.

FELIX LANDRY JR., 55, 1530 East Howard Ave., Biloxi. Services 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home Chapel, Biloxi.

FRED JENKINS, 77, 817 Lee St., Biloxi. Arrangements incomplete. Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi.

RODNEY DWIGHT WELLS, 19, Three Rivers community. Funeral services Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m., Church of God in Christ. Robinson's Friendly Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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One Hundred Year Old Negress Dies In Gautier, Sunday

Death, that relentless eventuality which pursues humanity from the moment of birth, finally overtook one of the most respected and beloved residents of Gautier, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, August 11, when "Aunt Sophie" Bilbo, 100 years old negress, died. A gloom was cast over the community as both white and negro residents mourned her passing.

For an entire century, twice as long as most people live, "Aunt Sophie" made her home in Gautier. Born July 18, 1840, near Americus, 20 miles up the Pascagoula River, she spent her entire life-time in this section.

"Aunt Sophie" led an active life and until her illness a few days ago she sewed and did other small household chores. On the date of her birthday anniversary she was honored with a public reception in the postoffice building in Gautier. The entire community called to express best wishes. A huge birthday cake bearing 100 candles was presented to her but she refused to cut the cake until her picture was taken with it. [illegible] was married in 1861, the year

because a person guilty of such may keep someone else from accepting the responsibility who would meet it.

One of the best recommendations anybody can have is that he possesses the Christian virtue of dependability.

Apr 17, 1959

Roy C. Helfenstein
Ormond Beach, Fla.

Bilbo 27

Pascagoula Chronicle Star

Baldufu. Acting as a senior councilor was Mary Nelle Hooker.

Leaders of the Week

This week we salute Mrs. Truett Wilson, better known as "Dottie." Dottie has been in scouting for three years, but this is her first year in Pascagoula. Formally of Jackson County, Mrs. Wilson, is the leader of troop 119.

Notice

Pascagoula Day Camp has been set June 22 — July 1, with Mrs. Aaron Hooker as director. Camp will be at Old Shell Landing in Gautier.

Snuffed Sight

Toledo, Ohio (AP)—Two thugs used an unusual weapon in robbing William Hall of $54 as he walked home from a bank. Hall told police one of the men threw snuff in his eyes, then snatched his money.

Services Saturday For Mrs. Bilbo, 39

Mrs. Lawrence J. Bilbo, 39, died at County Hospital Friday.

Although she had only been hospitalized 24 hours prior to her death, she had been ill for some time.

A native of Pascagoula, she had lived here except for a few years in Gulfport.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. at Fails Chapel by the Rev. Mr. Jenkins. Interment was in Machpelah Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Morgan Ray Saucier, Gulfport; two grandsons; father, Garland Bosarge, Gulfport; and three brothers, Floyd Bosarge, New Jersey; Milton Bosarge, Aacoma, Wash., and Percy Bosarge, Bayou la Batre.

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THE FIRST BILBO IN AMERICA

In the Summer of 1700, Jacques Billiebo (Bilbaud, Bilbun, etc.) came to the Colonies of America. His journey was a long one as he first went to England. Just when he fled from his home, which was Port des Barques, France, we are not sure. This port was in the Province of Saintonge which no longer exists. Reference to old and new maps indicates the location as the Southwest coast of France, opposite the Ile d Oleron, on the Bay of Biscay, and the Charente river. It is now embraced in the Department of Charente Marintime.

A copy of the following passport to England was found in the bible of his great great grandson, James Bilbo, 1779-1849, Chatham County, Georgia:

> "By the Honorable Thomas Collier"
> "Lt. Governor and Commander and Chief of his majesties Castles, forts, forces and Island of Jersey, suffer the bearer hereof, James Bilbo, quietly to pass from hence into England, without let trouble, molestation or hinderance, he behaving himself as becometh. Given under my hand at his majestys castle England the 28th day of March 1699. Thomas Collier - To all Whome These It May Concern".

In England, King William III was sympathetic with the plight of the Huguenots in his country. He and the Protestant Relief Fund financed the settling in America of a great number of them then in England. In addition, ten thousand acres of land was reserved for them in Virginia, in an area abandoned by the Monean Indians. This land was located on the James River, twenty miles West of the present city of Richmond. It was called Manakin Town for the Indian Tribe. Located in 1700 in Henrico County, it was in 1727 cut off into Goochland, then Cumberland in 1749 and finally Powhatan in 1777.

Over 500 French Refugees landed at James City, Virginia (One source says Hampton, Va.) in four ships, about July 1700. Jacques Billiebo was in "Ye first Shippe" which was the "Mary and Ann". From James City it was necessary for them to make their way up the James River to Manakin. Just how our ancestor made the trip is not clear. From the records it was a perilous one on which many perished. One group lost all their belonginngs by a "sloop" which was sunk. Another lost their "meal and horses" by force to a band of robbers.

Once in Manakin they still faced the danger of starvation and many succumbed to illness. Hold in mind that they fled their country to escape persecution, and evidently were very poor as they were sent to this country at the expense of the relief fund. Many petitions and council meetings were recorded with regard to the French Refugees in Manakin. One reports that

some were not so sick as the others and wanted to work if they could get bread to give them strength. That many had left the area because they could no longer stand the hunger and that they were destitute of all means of support. The lack of knowledge of the customs and language further handicapped them in earning a livelihood. List of expenditures from the fund includes "To Capt Hawes for ye passage 945 pounds" and amounts paid for pork, wheat, tobacco and Indian Corne.

In 1700 the Virginia House of Burgeaous passed an act making the French Refugees inhabitants of Manakin township, a distinct parish, and exempting them from payments of publick and county levyee for seven years. This act also declared that the new parish would be named "King William."

The Huguenots in France followed the teachings of Calvin, which was the basis from which the Presbyterian Church was formed. In America they readily accepted the Episcopal Church which was the official church of State. The church documents relate more about the first three generations of the family than any other source.

On November 10, 1701, a list was taken of the inhabitants of Manakin which totalled 203, and included "Bilbun and wife", among the ones who came on Ye first Shippe. Then in 1714 he was listed with wife and son. Tax records of King William Parish list Jacques Bilbaud, Billiebo, etc. from the years 1711 to 1717. He was probably shown in other tax years but the years 1711-1717 are the ones found in published sources.

James Bilbaud was given two land grants, the first on March 23, 1715, containing 119 acres, three root, 24 poles and another October 1, 1716, containing 43 acres. Both were located on the South Side of the James River, bounded by the land of Isaac Parantau, in Henrico County, Va., being part of the first five thousand acres of land surveyed for the French Refugees, "granted by Alexander Spotswood, Lt. Gov. at Williamsbourgh".

There is little in the fragmentary records to give an insight into the character of Jacques Billiebo. That he was courageous and his piety great cannot be doubted as he left his home land for his convictions never to return again. He may have given his life for the cause, as we note it was short in this country.

The last account found of Jacques was 1717. In 1723, Jean Pierre Billiebeau was living in the house with Pierre Dutoi, which indicates that his parents were probably deceased. Since this [1]Jean Pierre Billiebeau is the only one found by that surname in subsequent records of Manakin, just one conclusion can be drawn - that he was the only son of Jacques from Port des Barques, France, who came to Virginia. From

the fact that he was taken in by the Dutoi family, and the fact that Jean Pierre Billiebo later left a tract of land to Isaac Dutoi in his will, we might surmise that his mother was a Dutoi. This has not been proven.

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1. Only one record found of another Bilbo in Manakin Va. that could be son of Jacques. In Brock's collection from the Church records - "The 28th May 1728 was born to Jacques Billiabo a black named Jacque." This record opens up a big question as to whether Jacques Billiebo left two sons, Jacques and Jean Pierre. No further information on this Jacques.

Information above obtained from R. A. Brock's Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and the Settlers at Manakin; narrative received from the Manakin Episcopal Church, Route 711, Huguenot Springs, Virginia; and Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.

OTHER EARLY RECORDS OF BILBO IN AMERICA

In South Carolina, Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis (Parishes created for the French Settlement), James Bilbeau was on jury lists in 1720 and 1731. Another record listed him as a planter. His will made on September 19, 1735 and probated Feb. 8, 1736, named one son, James Bilbeau, his wife Susanna Bilbeau, and his wife's children, Phillip, Anne, Elizabeth and Mary Anne Normand. On October 5, 1751, Susannah Bilboe made a will naming only a daughter, Ann Mouzon, which was also filed in Berkley County, S. C. Evidently the son, James Bilbeau did not survive his mother. No further records discovered on this family. Passenger lists of Huguenots who settled in South Carolina were checked and the name was not found.

Also worthy of note is that Charles W. Baird in his History of Huguenot Emigration to America lists "Mathurin Guerin, native of St. Nazaire, en Xaintonge, son of Pierre Guerin and of Jeanne Bilbau" and states that Mathurin Guerin with his son Francois settled in South Carolina. He also mentions "Jean Bilbaud fled from Port Des Barques in 1681 to England with 4,000 livres" and that doubtless he was of the same family as Jacques Billiebeau who later comes to view in Manakin Town.

The name Bilbo is also found in England and some present day descendants were told that they were of English descent. In the nineteenth century, there was record of a merchant ship named "Bilbow" from London in the Port of Charleston, S. C.

JEAN PIERRE BILLIEBO,
Son of Jacques Billiebo

From the foregoing, there is little doubt but that Jean Pierre Billiebo was the son of Jacques Billiebo who came to Manakin, Virginia from France. In 1723 he was listed as a tithable in the house of Pierre Dutoi which gives a clue as to his year of birth in 1706 (tithable in 1723 at age 16). He was so listed as a tithable from 1723 until 1750 under the various French spellings. In 1725 the surname was first given as Bilbo, even though the given names continued to be shown as Jean Pierre. In 1744 he was listed with John Gory in his household along with two slaves, Sara and Will. John Gory was a descendant of one of the French Refugees and the two families lived near each other for the first 100 years in this country.

At this point in time, more information is available to enable us to recognize the traits of this ancestor. He was a leader in his community and church and was quite affluent according to the standards of his time. In 1732 he owned 162 acres of land in King William Parish. In 1731 he was appointed processioner for lands, March 15, 1734, took the oath of Vestryman and on October 30, 1742, the oath of Church Warden of King William Parish. Many accounts are given of his attendance at the vestry meetings, and July 15, 1738, Jean Pierre Bilbo and Antoine Benin were discharged of their administration for the years 1735 and 1736.

The birth records of the Parish relate several incidents where Jean Pierre Bilbo, his wife Susanne Bilbo, or both stood as godparents of children born to French parents in Manakin. The first was 8 March 1730 for baptism of Marie Mallet, daughter of Etiene Mallet and Olive Mallet; On 13 March 1732 for Elizabet Edmon, daughter of Jean Edmon; 29th Xber 1736 for Sara Bryers, daughter of Edward Bryers and of Sara his wife; 10th Xber 1737 for Jean Benin, son of Antoine Benin and of Elizabet Benin; and 31 July 1738 for Elizabet Elson, daughter of Thomas Elson and Elizabet Elson.

From land deeds, it appears that John Peter Bilbo began making preparations to leave Manakin in the 1740's. He moved to Lunenburg County as early as 1748, being shown on tithe list then, where he patented 1626 acres of land on Allen's Creek. (Patent Book 29, Page 305). Several of the French inhabitants of Manakin also moved to Lunnenberg County. Some of the Bilbo children either remained in Manakin or moved back there later.

That Jean Pierre Bilbo did not live long in his new home is proven by his will which was dated November 15, 1750 and filed for record April 2, 1751.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Wife			Husband	
HANNAH		Name	HIRAM BILBO	
		Born		
		Married		
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
husband		Other (if any)	wife	

Notes

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
		ALFRED BILBO				
		MINERVIA BILBO				

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Wife			Husband	
SUSIE LEE		Name	"LIGE" ELIGA BILBO	
	MAR 26, 1876	Born	15 APR 1879	
		Married		
	Jan 30, 1967	Died	23 Feb 1933	Pascagoula, MS
		Burial		Black Bird Pond/Scranton Cem.
		Father	WARNER BILBO b. VA	
		Mother	ELIZA BARBER b. VA	
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes family info & Jackson Co Death Records

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last for trespassing on the bark Meran. They were found guilty and fined each $5 and costs.

Mr. J. D. Shaw, of Louisville, Miss., with his daughter, Miss Lizzie, is on a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. Ed Hudson, on Telephone road. Mr. Shaw is here prospecting for a business opening.

There is a good old couplet, which tells how the June Bug sat on the sweet potato vine; luckily for the June Bug whether it rains or does not rain, he manages to make a living—lucky June Bug.

The plans are out for a new two-story brick store, to be built by Mr. M. G. Feore, the ship chandler. We saw the plans recently, and the building when constructed will show up equal to the Scranton State Bank building.

Hon. H. Bloomfield has just received notice from the Department of the Interior advising him of his admission to practice as attorney for claimants before said department. He has also been advised of what action has been taken for his clients in the several land cases pending before the Department of the Interior.

"Oh woman, in your hour of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please."
But, who in thunder would suppose,
It takes so MUCH to buy your clothes.

Thursday evening, June 10th, Messrs. J. A. Miller, H. M. Plummer and Chas. L. Krebs chartered the tug Native for a trip to Horn Island in quest of Spanish mackerel. On their return they reported having seen large schools, but the speckled beauties refused to bite.

On Thursday, June 10th, Mamie Sloan, Martha Todd, Mabel J. Abel and Serena Francis, of Pascagoula, a quartette of dusky damsels, were arrested by Marshal B. F. Browne for keeping a disorderly house and being public nuisances. They were brought before Judge Chidsey, plead guilty and were fined $5 and costs each.

Mr. M. V. B. Carey, owner of the Scranton Pharmacy, also a genial gentleman and leading citizen of our town, has lately thoroughly renovated the above property for the popular druggist, Mr. McVea Young. The facade has been most artistically painted, and the building now presents one of the prettiest views to be seen along Krebs avenue.

During the war a favorite expression from a military standpoint was, "Hold the Fort." Such is our position at present. The Grand Mogul having departed for other scenes, has, much to our bashfulness, be it said, left us in charge of the whole shooting-match. Should we be so successful as to amuse and instruct our patrons during our temporary assumption of the editorial throne we will feel ourselves well repaid.

The man who walks by night, though of a pleasant and affable disposition, desires us to state that if that couple who meet nightly under the bough of historical Old Lovers' Oak do not discontinue occupying their favorite perch upon that particular root, they will soon wear it away. We suggest to the above mentioned couple that they marry, get a little cottage of their own and there bill and coo to their hearts' content, leaving that much abused root to the occupancy of some other loving couple.

All roads, we are told, lead to Rome. So said an ancient writer. We say that the advancement of civilization leads to light in many respects. Scranton, growing daily more civilized, will soon become a brightly ENLIGHTENED town; in other words, there are bright prospects of its streets, dwellings and

"A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER."

Nothing speaks so plainly of the taste, enterprise and push of a people as the architectural design which young cities portray.

The beautiful design drawn by Rudolph Bentz, architect of Mobile, for the SCRANTON STATE BANK BUILDING, is now ready for occupation. Messrs. Eistetter & Kelley, contractors and builders of Biloxi, were the contractors for the erection of the building, which has been done under the supervision of Mr. Tom Sweet, their foreman, who have truly built a monument to their skill and ability as builders. The building is of stone and brick, fronts 40 feet on the north side of Krebs avenue by a depth of 60 feet.

The front elevation presents an arch supported on either side by Tennessee marble shafts with richly carved caps of grey lime stone, overarching a richly tiled vestibule with triple plate glass windows and doorways. On the east side are the banking offices of the Scranton State Bank. On the west the prospective postoffice and postal telegraph office, with a stairway leading from the center of the vestibule to the second floor. The banking house is finished in most elaborately carved hard wood counters, desk and mantle in the rotunda.

The bank's fire proof vault occupies the space in the north wall of the main banking office and the Scranton safe deposit vault is in the west wall of the office, both of which are provided with burglar proof time lock safes. The fire proof and burglar proof vaults and safes were made by the Mosler Bank Safe Co. of Hamilton, Ohio. Back of the main banking office is the cashier's office, and back of it is the board of directors' room.

On the west side is one large room all finished in hard wood, richly carved and designed for the postoffice and postal telegraph. Ascending the stairway to the second story you enter a wide hallway, on either side of which are four elegantly finished office rooms.

It is understood that Ford & Ford will occupy the three southern rooms over the bank, and that Mr. Tom Sweet will occupy the back room as an architect's office. Horace Bloomfield will occupy the two front rooms on the west side of the hallway.

Few cities of the size of Scranton can boast of a building so beautiful in design and complete in all of its appointments as the Scranton State Bank of Scranton. It is the awakening of that architectural display which is to characterize the buildings of a future which will make Scranton the pride of the coast front of our great State.

MAYOR'S COURT.—W. W. Farnsworth, Mayor, presiding.

Herbert Rothchild, vagrancy; discharged.

Gus Sanders, cursing and swearing in public place, fined $5 and costs; total $10. John Turner, same, fined $2.50 and costs; total $6.20. Asa Carter, same, fined $5 and costs; total $11.25.

Levi Solomon, drunk and disorderly, fined $2.50 and costs; total $7.50. Walter Hillard, same, fined $5 and costs; total $9.15. Tom Noland, Jr., same; discharged. Chas. Burbeck, same, fined $2.50 and costs; total $7.50.

MARRIED

Near Orange Grove, Miss., on Wednesday, June 9, 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Judge Oliver Wood, Mr. JOHN B. BOSARGE and Miss MARY ELIZABETH VIGOUROUX.

At Scranton, Miss., on Friday, June 11, 1897, at the residence of Mr. H. B. Howe, by Judge C. E. Chidsey, Mr. C. B. HATLESTAD and Miss AMY MARTIN, both of Moss Point.

Harriet Galloway, an Aged Colored Woman, Voo-doo-ed Out of $300.

Polly Shivers, of Ocean Springs, induced an old French negress of Scranton to believe that there was a large amount of treasure buried in her front yard between two stumps, but that it took money to raise money. Polly then proceeded to raise various amounts out of Aunt Harriet until she had raised $300. Polly's divining rod and numerous and various charms, consisting of the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit, crow claws, ripe gopher feet, raccoon toothpick, buttons, rusty nails, mad-stones, a kid glove stuffed with gray, black and red hair with beads for eyes, representing a rabbit, a pack of cards, an old fashioned pure gold breastpin and a Holy Bible together with her prayers, after "digging between one the stumps," failed to draw the buried treasure.

Aunt Harriet then appealed to Sheriff Moore, who had Polly and her burly assistant, Frank Stark, the digger, arrested by Marshal Tardy, of Ocean Springs, and brought before Judge Chidsey on a charge of getting money under false pretenses.

H. Bloomfield, counsel for defense, pleaded that the defendant was guilty of no offense known to the law, and that the plaintiff should have known that treasure could not be found by means of a divining rod, nor drawn to the surface by prayers and charms, and moved to quash the indictment.

The judge overruled the motion and said, in substance, that the defendant should also have known this, and as the law is intended to protect the weak and confiding as well as the cautious any wary, committed Polly and Frank to jail in default of $500 bond to appear at the next term of circuit court.

Polly's box of charms is now in the possession of our sheriff, and will no doubt fail to draw her to freedom.

There are many other victims in the county, which go to prove that voo-dooism is not a relic of the past.

Scranton Hotel arrivals: R. B. du Mont, J. H. Cleveland, Jos. A. Diard, J. B. Harver, A. S. Gustafson, C. C. Dickens, Mobile; B. Rosenbaum, H. L. Janin, E. H. Canefield, J. T. Sebastian, A. Voss, T. G. Mackie, New Orleans; J. A. Weatherby, E. C. Seligman, Montgomery; E. C. McLeod, Leaf, Miss.; S. G. Davis, Richmond.

Port of Pascagoula.

OFFICE DEMOCRAT-STAR,
Scranton, Miss., June 18, 1897.

[Report for week ending June 17, 1897.]

ENTERED.

June 9. Am. sch. Hildegard, 90 tons, Green from Havana.

June 12. Brit. sch. Walter Sumner, 147 tons, McLean.

CLEARED.

June 11. Brit. ss. Clandeboye, 1443 tons by Donald & Co. with 1,136,142 sawn timber, value $11,943.

June 11. Am. sch. Anna M. Stammer, 216 tons by L. N. Dantzler Lumber Co. with 361,997 feet lumber, value $3,620.

June 12. Brit. ss. Royalist, 2,024 tons by Donald & Co. with 1,381,152 feet saw timber, value $12,660.

June 14. Am. sch. Rita Cue, 80 tons by L. N. Dantzler Lumber Co. with 300,[illegible] feet

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GAUTIER NEGRESS CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY WITH PARTY THURSDAY, JULY 18

By HELENE MAHAFFEY

"Aunt Sophie" Bilbo, beloved negro woman, celebrated her one hundredth birthday, on Thursday, July 18. She attributed her long life to, as she expressed it, "Nothing but the good Lord."

"Aunt Sophie" was born about July 18, 1840, twenty-eight miles up the Pascagoula River, near Americus, old County Seat of Jackson county. In 1861, the year Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States, she was married to Andrew Bilbo. The ceremony was performed by Squire John Reeves, white. From this union there were twenty-two children born, three of them living today, Burgie Bilbo, Mobile; Emma Edwards, Chicago, and Theresa Smith, Gautier. She makes her home with Theresa, youngest of her children, and her family, three generations living together.

There are thirteen grandchilren, eleven great-grandchildren, and fourteen great-great grandchildren. Most of her children were named after some member of the Gautier family, for whom she cooked for many years. Her husband, Andrew, worked for many years for Fernando Gautier, father of the late Mr. Walter Gautier.

She recalled her days of slavery before the negroes were freed. Her family was not separated during this time, as the whole family were slaves to the Johhnie Byrd family in Gautier. She firmly stated that the only "licking" she ever received was from her mother, when she disobeyed.

As a slave, her husband belonged to Cadmus Alley, father of the late C. H. Alley of Pascagoula.

She remembers when the railroad that runs through Gautier was laid and the first two automobiles to come to Pascagoula. For many years, the only lights her family knew were candles, which they made themselves. She explained in detail the process of candlemaking. She can neither read uor write, has never attended a school, but can count and tell the time.

She has known the Gautier family since a young girl in her twenties, having worked for them many years.

Although a hundred years old, she still sews, piecing quilts, and makes an even and fine seam. She threads her own needles, and says she has never worn glasses "because she can't see through them." She stays in doors most of the time and during the past two years she has never walked further than the depot, which is only a short distance from her door. While she talked she held a corncob pipe in her hand, and proudly stated she had never smoked a cigarette, but had smoked a pipe for seventy years.

A reception was held in her honor in the post office building in Gautier, and all the white and colored residents of that community called during the afternoon to wish "Aunt Sophie" a very happy birthday. Punch was served, but she refused to let them cut the beautiful birthday cake, baked by Mrs. L. C. Winterton. Her picture is to be made tomorrow with it in her lap. The traditional cake, white with pink icing, "Happy Birthday," and the full one hundred candles, was displayed upon a lace cover. Flowers decorated the room. Guests that came brought silver offerings and gifts. A devout Christian herself, of the Baptist faith, the colored pastor offered a prayer and the colored quartet sang appropriate songs.

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Had it not been for Mrs. C. L. Clifford, this day might have slipped by unnoticed, who suggested to friends yesterday that they have a celebration for this respected old woman. All her friends and neighbors join together in wishing "Aunt Sophie" many more birthdays like the one she so thoroughly enjoyed today. Jul. 25 - 1940

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BILBOS HAVE FAMILY REUNION IN TILLINGHAST HOME

Mrs. Rodney Darnell(Hermia Bilbo) of Juneau, Alaska, and Mrs. Kenneth Clark (Ada Bilbo) of Klamoth Falls, Oregon, formerly of Ocean Springs are guests of Mrs. Tillinghast, their sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams of Gerber, Calif., brother of Mrs. Tillinghast, left to return to their home last Wednesday after a visit with Mrs. Tillinghast.

The family group enjoyed a reunion last Sunday in Ocean Springs, their old home. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Palmer and children, Sabbie and W. C. Jr., Mrs. Palmer being a sister of Mrs. Tillinghast (Hattie Bilbo) of Anniston, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Williamson of Mobile, Ala., Mrs. Williamson (Eula Bilbo) being a sister of the family also, and Mr. Ray Bilbo (brother of the family), and Mrs. Tillinghast and children, Laura, Eula Mae, and Buddie.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs Darnell, who are on their first visit to Ocean Springs and Mobile in several years, will remain another week longer. They expect to visit Mrs. Palmer, a sister, in Anniston, Ala., before returning to the Pacific Coast.

This is the first time the family has been together in twenty-five years.

En route home Mrs Clark and Mrs. Darnell will stop for a few days in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mrs. Darnell will sail from Seattle for her home in Juneau, Alaska.

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NOW YOU TELL ONE

Ted Reeves of Jasper, Arkansas

"is one of the most important requirements for a pleasant, care-free vacation. It's wise to choose loose comfortable clothes. If they're washable, so much the better. Some people make it a rule to eat lightly while traveling by car and to postpone the heavy meals until in the evening. Sun glasses are on many people's 'must' list. They protect against road glare, drowsiness and headache. Many motorists carry a small, compact toilet kit with soap, that reason, an early start in the freshen up frequently during hot, dusty weather.

"In the interest of safety, tires should be safely checked for nails an body breaks. Where tires are badly worn, it is best to replace them with new ones, especially in view of the current low tire prices.

"For cool comfort in the warm sections of the country, experienced motorists frequently put a small ventilated box of dry ice in the car and close the windows. Some suspend the container right under the open cowl ventilator to cool the incoming air.

"Motorists should remember that the best tourists homes and camps are generally filled by nightfall during the heavy travel season. For that reason, an early season in the avoidance of night driving generally is the preferred schedule.

"The annoying rattle of loose tools, jacks and other equipment in a car can be eliminated by tying them together in an old section of inner tube. The jack and other equipment should be thoroughly tested before leaving on a trip to make absolutely sure that they fit the work properly. That takes minutes before the trip and may save hours in route.

"Inexpensive items, well worth their cost, include a flashlight, whisk broom, shoe cloth, paper cups and a box of cleansing tissue.

"Jobs like changing tires, cleaning spark plugs, replacing broken fan belt often ruin a day's travel when they are done on the highway. A check-up before starting may save much annoyance on the way. Factory-trained men are available at Firestone sales outlets throughout the country. These men, just like those at our store, have been specializing in service for years."

Fisherman Brings Back Proof Of His Local Expeditions

T. J. Kirkwood Catches Huge Fresh Water Catfish Fishing In Pascagoula River Near Cumbest Bluff.

Most fishermen return from their expeditions with tall yarns about the big ones which "got away," but T. J. Kirkwood of Wade, is one fisherman who does just the reverse of this. He brings the big ones back with him. Thus he eliminates all the necessity of explanation and relieves his friends of all doubts about the authenticity of his catches.

Since fish stories are becoming popular with the readers of the Chronicle-Star, even Brother Brock contributing his share, Mr. Kirkwood has contributed his bit and brought us pictures showing him and his nephew, holding a blue cat fish

Antarctic Circle

Swimmers Should Exercise Caution Against Infection

Dr. H. B. Cottrell Warns Of Dangers Of Contracting Disease Through Nose And Ears.

Although swimming is valuable to health and comfort during hot weather, it can be hazardous as well, according to Dr. H. B. Cottrell, Supervisor of Field Unit, State Board of Health. How to derive only the beneficial effects of this sport is pointed out by the physician in an effort to reduce nose and ear infections now prevailing.

The nasal passages and the throat harbor germs in perfectly healthy individuals, he states. If the nasal membrane is covered with its protective secretion no invasion by these germs of the deeper structures will take place. However, prolonged bathing will wash away this normal secretion and open up avenues for infection.

People with any tendency to nose or ear trouble should block nose and ear openings when swimming, he advises. Under no circumstances should they permit water to enter the nose or ear.

"Strange as it may seem," Doctor Cottrell declares, "the ear rarely is infected by way of the external canal or outer ear. The beginning of the infection usually occurs through the nose, which opens through a tube into the middle ear. Many serious mastoid infection begin with a 'swimmer's ear,' or an infection of the middle ear."

Advising that water splashing indulged in by youngsters is a vicious form of playfulness, the physician states that it often leads to nasal, sinus, or ear infections. Sand and dirt are usually swished up with the water and hit squarely in the eyes and nose.

In the event that an ear or nose infection develops, Doctor Cottrell urges that the victim see his doctor immediately. Damage done by infection may be irremediable later, he states, and permanent loss or impairment of hearing may result.

The physician also advises swimmers to avoid swimming after meals, to keep out of polluted water, and to avoid over-exertion at all times.

LOCAL TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stone and son, Everitt, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Stone's father, S. C. Simmons, of Meridian, left Thursday morning for points in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia.

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On last Friday evening Sally Jane, Claire Ford, Quinn Gautier, and Billy Colmer were guests of Lewis Lang on board the Jahncke houseboat "Porte Bon Heur." The boat was anchored in the Gulfport harbor. A group of guests from New Orleans, on a fishing cruise, also were in the party.

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NOTICE TO VOTERS I... ELECTIONS TO BE ... 1940 (CITY OR ... TIONS)

Each and every voter, o... pay Poll Tax for Vot... present poll tax ... years, (1938 and 1939) ... qualified voters who are ... pay poll tax will have to ... exemption certificate when...

This applies to the Pri... in the City of Pascagou... and ... days of July, ... maries to be held in the ... Springs in 1940; as w... City or Town Primary; ... maries to be held in th... 27th day of August and ... mary to be held three w...

Hence, please help yo... the Election Officers by ... and exemption certificat... or days of the election.

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Circuit Clerk, and Re... istrar of voters, Jackso...
(7-18, 7-25 a-e, Adv.)

NOTICE OF SPECIA...

Public notice is hereby ... suant to an order of the ... visors of Jackson Cou... adopted and entered at ... Term A. D., 1940, of ... Special Election will be ... the 27th day of August A... election precincts in and ... Districts No. One, Jacks... sissippi; for the election ... Peace in and for said ... for the unexpired term ... (Full term beginning Ja... 1940) and the unexpired ... when the successful can... and qualified).

All persons desiring to ... placed upon the Official ... in said Special Electio... tition requesting such p... to become a candidate ... signed by at least fifte... voters of said District N... tition to be filed with ... Election Commissioner, ... sissippi, on or before the ... gust A. D., 1940, (being ... fifteen (15) days before t...

Such election to be h... near as possible in ... law regulating General ... State of Mississippi.

Witness our signatures ... day of July, A. D. 1940.

(Signed) MRS. OLI...
(Signed) CLAUDE ...
Election Commissioners, ... County, Mississippi.
(7-18, 7-25, 8-1, 8-8 o-e Adv.)

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Bilbo 40

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1940 United States Federal Census

Name:	Leanna Bilbo
Age:	68
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1872
Gender:	Female
Race:	Negro
Birthplace:	Arkansas
Marital Status:	Married
Relation to Head of House:	Wife
Home in 1940:	Pascagoula, Jackson, Mississippi
Street:	Telephone Road
House Number:	808
Inferred Residence in 1935:	Pascagoula, Jackson, Mississippi
Residence in 1935:	Same House
Sheet Number:	12A
Occupation:	Children's Nurse
Attended School or College:	No
Highest Grade Completed:	None
Hours Worked Week Prior to Census:	60
Class of Worker:	Wage or salary worker in private work
Weeks Worked in 1939:	0
Income:	0
Income Other Sources:	No

Household Members:

Name	Age
Will Bilbo	68
Leanna Bilbo	68

Source Citation: Year: *1940*; Census Place: *Pascagoula, Jackson, Mississippi*; Roll: *T627_2032*; Page: *12A*; Enumeration District: *30-4*

Source Information:

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ing strangers and every new thing that comes along.

Rev. D. Q. Byers will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 4 p. m. All cordially invited.

Rev. O. Switzer, of Ocean Springs, will preach in the Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m.

Messrs. Ford & Ford, C. H. Wood and H. Bloomfield attended United States Circuit Court at Mississippi City this week.

Misses Olivia Berthencourt and May Sirey, of Algiers, La., are visiting the Misses Emma and Irene Mansfield on Delmas avenue.

Miss Clara O'Connor, an accomplished young lady of New Orleans, is visiting her friend, Mrs. Eugene Gautier, at West Pascagoula.

The steam yacht Washington and tugs Leo and Nellie took large parties to visit the cruiser Montgomery at Ship Island last week.

Mr. O. M. Luce reached here from Basin Wednesday en route to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will join his family, returning in a few weeks.

Mrs. B. J. Gayle and daughter, of Selma, Ala., lately the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. R. A. Dimitry, of Round Island, left for their home last Friday.

A license has been issued to J. M. Newberry to retail hop tea at Brushy P. O., Jackson county. This is the first license of the kind ever issued in this county.

Major and Mrs. Eugene Soniat and Dr. Moore Soniat, of New Orleans, are spending several weeks on the Pascagoula river with the family of Mr. Martin Turnbull.

The schooner M. Flechas left Mitchell's wharf Saturday for New Orleans with a cargo of 300 barrels of rosin and 87 barrels of turpentine, consigned to Ong, Hiller & Co.

Mr. E. A. Joyce, a worker in fancy carpentering and cabinet making, who with his family came from Chicago some months ago is finishing off the interior of the Scranton State Bank building.

Mr. James A. Kathman, of New Orleans, nephew of Mr. Kathman, of this place, is taking a little vacation with his uncle as a preface to his entry on his theological studies at Spring Hill College, Mobile.

Mrs. J. N. Larson and four children returned home last Sunday, after a pleasant visit to Wool Market, Harrison county. While there they were the guests of Mrs. Dan Read, Mrs. John Read and Mrs. Capt. J. M. Stiglets.

Dave Bilbo, who cut and slashed his wife last Friday, is still at large. The wounded woman is still alive with fair prospects of getting well ere long. Sheriff C. D. Moore has offered a reward of $25 for the arrest and delivery of Bilbo.

The handsome counter of the People's Exchange was designed by Mr. H. G. Olver and

ance, and a step in this line would be one of the first evidences of a desire to protect the health of its citizens and make the town a desirable and attractive place of residence.

Capt. S. R. Thompson returned home Wednesday from Mississippi City, where he had been serving this week on the United States Grand Jury. He reports only twenty-seven indictments. Most of them were for running blind tigers and depredating on government lands. Court adjourned Wednesday for the term.

On Friday evening last Clara Bilbo came near losing her life at the hands of her husband, David Bilbo, both parties being negroes. Clara was severely wounded in two places on the right arm, severing all its muscles and the radial and ulnar arteries; the arm was so badly injured as to necessitate its removal; several gashes on the right side of the face involved the ear and cheek; there were two cuts on the back of the neck and one on the left hand. She was attended by Drs. Ford and Cox, who were assisted by Dr. Moore Soniat, of New Orleans, who is on a visit to friends here.

"In time of peace prepare for war." The late artillery company known along the coast as Battery B, of this town, thinking that possibly Uncle Sam might have in the near future a misunderstanding over the Hawaiian question, has concluded to reorganize, so that they may be in the front of the battle should they be called upon. Should the reorganization of the company be brought about we will be the first to congratulate them. They will do all that is expected of patriotic Americans.

Polly Shivers, who was lately remanded to jail to await the action of the grand jury upon the charge of obtaining money under false (voodooism) pretenses, was taken before Chancellor Hill on Thursday, the 12th instant, and after an amusing trial was required to give $250 bond to appear at the next term of circuit court. The chancellor thought Polly was smarter in a half hour than her victims were in a week. Polly languishes in jail.

The Farnsworth Lumber Co. finished loading on Saturday last the Russian barkentine Uramus, 515 tons, at their wharf, to a depth of 10½ feet, with a part cargo of over 150,000 feet of timber and deals. The Uramus was towed out safely and will complete her cargo at Horn Island. The above is only a forerunner of what will take place at the wharves along the Pascagoula river when the channel is deepened.

ESCATAWPA ITEMS.

BY SCRIBUS.

Heavy rain storms are frequent.

When will the public school begin?

Be sure to get ready for camp meeting.

The pretty girl with a pretty fan is a pretty sight.

There was a big dance on Dutch Bayou last Friday night.

The person who struck the match in church

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migrants from the province of Brabant, Belgium, settled at Alexandria. When they arrived there none of them had anything but the clothes he wore, and most of them were ill-clad. They at first sought employment in sawmills, but being farmers by nature, they at length bought small farms on time payments. Now these hundred farmers are worth on an average of ten thousand dollars each, and some are said to be worth a hundred thousand. This is but one instance of many.

Louisiana has four great crops—sugar, rice, cotton and corn. She easily leads the Union in the production of sugar and rice and is a heavy producer of cotton and corn. Practically every soil product and fruit of the Temperate Zone does well. Her grasses and climate are admirably adapted to the raising of animals; cattle for beef and dairying, horses, mules, and sheep thrive; and she is the natural home of the hog. Indeed it is said by competent judges that Louisiana is the best state in the Union for raising hogs.

But suppose the immigrant is not a farmer. If he be a manufacturer every kind and sort of manufacturing is going forward by leaps and bounds. Louisiana is now manufacturing about one half of the cotton in the United States. She is manufaturing one half of the lumber in the United States; and her timber supplies are immense. If he be a school-teacher, banker, railroad or steamboat man, she can furnish him with splendid schools, banks, railroads and navigable rivers. If he be a merchant, she has many fine towns and cities, and opportunities in every line of merchantile business. If he be a miner, she can show him mines of nearly every mineral. Her supplies of coal, iron, phosphate, marble, limestone, bauxite, salt, sulphur, oil, gas and so forth, are just beginning to be devel-

Funeral of Mrs. C. H. Alley.

The funeral of Mrs. C. H. Alley was held last Sunday morning at nine o'clock, from the late residence of deceased, proceeding to the Methodist church, where a short address was made by Rev. W. G. Forsythe, touching the useful and unselfish life of the deceased, and extended kindly words of comfort to the bereaved family.

Almost every family in the city was represented by the crowd that was present at the house to pay their last respects to the dead and to offer words of sympathy to the living, many of them afterward going to the church and then following the remains to Machpelah Cemetery, where the body was reverently interred, and the newly made tomb covered with a profusion of beautiful flowers, offerings of friends from near and afar. So abundant were the flowers that a separate vehicle had to be used to convey them to the grave.

Among the many floral designs we noted those from Rolf Seeburg Ship Chandlery Co., L. A. Cowan, and family, Capt. and Mrs. L. T. Newberry, Capt. and Mrs. J. G. Murphy, of Mobile; The Ladies' Aid Society, Capt. and Mrs. E. H. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Colle, Capt. and Mrs. Lent, Harry Burke, of New Orleans, and numerous friends in Pascagoula and vicinity.

The pall bearers were Messrs. W. M. Canty, Eugene Beckham, Judge C. H. Wood, Rev. W. A. Hall, Capt. S. H. Bugge and Prof. S. P. Walker.

Mrs. Alley was born in this county, on the old Bilbo homestead near Fairley's Ferry, and had lived in Pascagoula for fifty years, building the home in which she died when the site was almost a wilderness. Many of the magnificent trees that surround the homestead were planted by her hands. She was a woman of many charities, a staunch Methodist but broad-minded in her religious views, and having for so many years filled a prominent place in the social and economic life of this city, her death caused a pang of regret from all, she leaving vacant a place in her home that will never be filled, and a place in the hearts of her many friends that will linger as precious memory of a useful and well-spent life.

Mr. J. Kemp Ridgely, formerly

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When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

Every day sees a number of strangers in Pascagoula, inquiring about lands, shipbuilding sites, oil, etc. It is impossible to learn the names of them, and they invariably keep their business movements secret. But enough leaks out for us to know that something is going on and that we may expect a good share of the prosperity that is coming this way. We are reasonably hopeful of at least one of the shipbuilding industries being located here.

Services at St. John's Church, Sunday, June 3, 1917—Holy Communion at 11 a. m; Evening prayer and sermon at 8 p. m; Sunday School at 10 a. m.

REV. JOHN CHIPMAN, Rector

Mr. W. S. Matthews, former collector of customs of this port, but now deputy general receiver of customs at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is a visitor to Pascagoula this week. He came to bring his family to Gulfport to remain a while, visiting relatives, he coming here to his old home for a

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Wife			Husband	
Mary Willis		Name	John Wesley Bilbo	
		Born		
		Married	5 May 1884	Jackson Co, MS
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died

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Form 2

Single Page

Thomas J Bilbo

Birth: Jun. 20, 1776
Lunenburg County
Virginia, USA
Death: Sep. 20, 1846
Lake Charles
Calcasieu Parish
Louisiana, USA

Cemetery Photo
Added by: David M. Habben

Thomas was the son of John Jean Bilbo (1735-1809) and Ann Walker (1743-1786). Thomas married 13 Jul 1804 to Anna Marie Lawrence in Washington Co Alabama. Thomas fought in the War of 1812. The county seat of Jackson Co MS was located in the house of Thomas Bilbo in 1812 near the Pascagoula River. He was a representative to the constitutional convention of 1817. Thomas Bilbo was a surveyor of US lands. The 1820 census has Thomas Bilbo living in Jackson MS. On the 1830 census , he is still living in Jackson MS. By the 1840 census, Thomas had moved west to Calcasieu Parish LA where he settled near the present day site of Lake Charles.

- Wayne Cappen
Added: Apr. 6, 2014

The children of Thomas and Anna are:
John Bilbo 1806-1845 #11297632
Nancy Ann Bilbo 1808-1908 #43390339
Jane Bilbo 1810-1829
Rebecca Gaines Bilbo 1818-1871
Anna Moore Bilbo 1820-1900
Laura Ester Bilbo 1827-1873 #13092038
Margaret Bilbo 1832-1840 #14836668
Joseph Lawrence Bilbo 1812-1880 #14836789
William Lawrence Bilbo 1814-1879

Family links:
Spouse:
Anna Marie *Lawrence* Bilbo (1788 - 1871)

Burial:
Bilbo Cemetery
Lake Charles
Calcasieu Parish
Louisiana, USA

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FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Wife			Husband	
SOPHIE "Aunt Sophie"		Name	ANDREW BILBO (SLAVE OF CADMUS ALLEY)	
c. July 18, 1840 near Americus, MS		Born		
	1861	Married	1861	Squire John REEVES Jackson Co
		Died		
		Burial		
HER WHOLE FAMILY WERE SLAVES TO THE JOHNNIE BYRD FAMILY IN GAUTIER.		Father	Also listed as FRANK BILBO?, HUSBAND OF SOPHIE?SOPHIA, FATHER of 22 children in ~~BILBO REUNION BOOK, page 16.~~	
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes "From this union there were 22 children born, 3 living July 25, 1940, on her 100th birthday party July 18..13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 14 gg grand ch. Most of her children were named after some member of the GAUTIER FAMILY, For whom she cooked for many years. Her husband, ANDREW BILBO, worked for many years for FERNANDO GAUTIER. As a slave her husband belonged to CADMUS ALLEY, FATHER OF C.H.

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
1	m	Scott Bilbo				
2.	m	Borden Bilbo				
3.	m	Fred Bil				

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Winders shortly before November 8, 1852.

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Eight Children, four by each wife:

1. James Jacques Bilbo born 30 June, 1730 Manakintown, VA., and died 9 December, 1799 in Lunenburg Co. VA. He was married twice, Mary Hobson and Dorothy Clack.

2. Marie Mary Bilbo born 23 June, 1733 VA. She married 3 February, 1756 in Cumberland Co. VA. to Young Short.

3. John (Jean) Bilbo born 26 September, 1735 Lunenburg Co. VA.

4. Elizabeth Bilbo, born 13 February, died March 20, 1737/38.

Children of John and Elizabeth Chandler:

5. William Bilbo born 25 May, 1747 VA. died 12 June, 1822 Mercer Co. KY. He married Sarah (Sally) Bugg
6. Elizabeth Bilbo born 5 October, 1740 VA.
7. Peter Bilbo born about 1742 VA.
8. Sarah Bilbo born about 1745 VA

John (Jean) Bilbo

Son of John Peter Bilbo

John Bilbo born 26 September, 1735 Lunenburg Co. Virginia and died between February 1809 when he made his will and 8 May, 1809 when it was probated in Mecklenburg Co. He lived in the part of Lunenburg Co. that fell into Mecklenburg Co. when it was formed in 1765.

John was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His date of enlistment was 4 November, 1775, 1st South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. C. Pinkney. He also donated beef and one smooth bore gun taken into service and not returned.

John was married three times. He first married Ann Walker, born 1744 in Lunenburg Co. VA., and the daughter of Tandy Walker Sr. and wife Judith Langford Walker. Ann died in 1786 when Thomas Bilbo was only ten (10) years old.

John married second to Mary Clemonds on 28 September, 1786 in Mecklenburg Co. Mary died before April 2, 1807 for this is when John Married widow Mary Wright Nicholson. Mary died in 1825 when her estate was administered.

At least three of the Bilbo children came to the Mississippi Territory. Thomas and his brother John and their half brother William Ray who married Charlotte Ryan all were in the Mississippi Territory and later the State of Mississippi.

WILL OF THOMAS BILBO, CONTINUED 47

with all the stock of horses, cows and sheep belonging to the farm and at her death to be equally divided between all my then surviving children.

Seventh - I do constitute and appoint my said wife, Ann Bilbo, executrix and my two sons Joseph Lawrence Bilbo, William L. Bilbo and my son-in-law, Columbus Gillett, executors with full power to carry into effect this my last will and testament in all its parts as long as may be necessary, without giving bond.

Probate of Will - This day the third of October 1846, I Benoit DeBallou, of Parish Judge and Ex-Officic Judge of the Probated have proceeed to open the last will and testament of Thomas Bilbo of said parish, deceased. First, I have proceedings to open the said testament in presence of a part of the heirs and proved by Henry W. Bendy and Thomas B. Hicks as witnesses who upon oath declare recognizing the writing and signature of said testator. Second that an inventory shall be taken of all the property of said estate, in witness where of I have hereunto signed with the present heirs the day and year above written.

/s/ Joseph L. Bilbo, Wm. Bilbo, Isham Reeves, Columbus Gillett.

Estate opened October 3, 1846
Heirs: Joseph L. Bilbo, William L. Bilbo, Rebecca G. Ryan, wife of Jacob Ryan, Nancy Reeves, wife of Isham Reeves, Ann M. Gillett, wife of Columbus Gillett, and Laura E. Bilbo, all of Calcasieu Parish, also minor children of John Bilbo, (deceased) Viz: Thomas P. Bilbo, Sarah Ann Bilbo, Mary Jane Bilbo and Polly Dyre Bilbo.

Oath and Letters Testamentary, October 5, 1850
Petition asking for family meeting in the interest of minors Thomas P. Bilbo, Sarah Ann Bilbo, Mary Jane Bilbo, Polly Dyre Bilbo, minor children and heirs of John Bilbo (Deceased) filed Sept. 2, 1850.

Order, let a family meeting (composed of relatives and friends) be convoked and held before B. DeBaillou, Parish Recorder, for the interest of said minors, Clerks Office, this 2nd September 1850, John F. Morrough, Clerk.

Family meeting held, September 7, 1850 in the interest of said minors composed of Jos. L. Bilbo, maternal Uncle, Jacob Ryan and Isham Reeves uncle by marriage and Anslem Sallier and Nathaniel Clifton Family friends.

WILL OF THOMAS BILBO

Holographic Will and Testament Dated April 24, 1844

First, I now have a wife, Ann and the following children - John, Nancy, Jane, Joseph Lawrence, William, Rebecca Gaines, and Ann Moore, all of majority and Laura Esther, a minor.

Second - I have given to my son, John, money, negroes, etc. about $1,000.00; to Nancy about the same amount; to Jane about $800.00; to Joseph Lawrence about $500.00; to William about $400.00; to Rebecca Gaines, $600.00; to Ann Moore about $400.00.

Third - Immediately after my death that an estimative inventory be made and such children as shall then be over the age of majority shall receive their portion in property as there are children of age and they shall take said lots as they agree upon, and if they shall not agree upon the respective lots to be taken by them severally then their said lots shall be given to them by casting of lots each one paying to the other the proportion as their lots may be of more or less value.

Fourth - that such of my children to whom I have made advances to donations as aforesaid and those to whom I may hereafter make advances shall at my death account to my estate for such advances and shall collat them by taking less.

Fifth - After paying off all of my children that shall be of the majority at my decease that the balance of my estate shall be kept by my executors in common for the use and benefit of my minor daughter and when she shall arrive at the age of majority or get married shall receive her part or portion in property at an estimative value.

Sixth - All the property I now have in my possession is my own separate property having been mostly brought by me from the State of Mississippi and such as I have acquired in this state has been purchased with the proceeds of property and money so brought into this state by me. And there is yet no community of property between me and my wife. Now therefore, it is my will that my said wife do take at my death one negro man by the name of Ben and his wife Harriet, and one of the negro women named Phillis and one girl named Milly about four years of age, with the land that I now live on with all the buildings, household furniture, and farming tools,

Estate of Thomas Bilbo, Continued

Recommendations, that for the best interest of minors that a tract of land lying on Lake Charles be sold at public auction payable one half cash, balance in six months from date of sale.

Final Tableau and account filed, March 8, 1880

ALABAMA COURT RECORDS

Baldwin County, Alabama, October 8, 1813 - Thomas Bilbo Exec. Estate of Edmund Field

Washington County
Deed Book A, Page 79
July 13, 1804 - This may certify that I have celebrated the wrights of matrimony between Thomas Bilbo and Ann Lawrence both of County of Washington, this 13th July 1804

/s/ John Callier, J. P.

Deed Book A, Page 92, October 12, 1804.
Young Gaines as Attorney for Narsis Broutin sells to Thomas Bilbo tract of land granted to Domingo D'Olivier, 800 acres for sum $150. land lying on Alabama River at junction with Tombigby.

/s/ Young Gains

Wit: Nathan Blackwell
David Gains

Deed Book A, Page 93 - Oct. 16, 1804
Thomas Bilbo for sum $500.00 paid by Young Gains, lien on land described above.

/s/ Thomas Bilbo

Wit: Joseph Lawrence
Leonard D. Shaw

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She was married in 1861, the year Abraham Lincoln became president, to Andrew Bilbo. To them was born 23 children. Her husband and most of her children have preceded her to the grave. Only three of them survive. They are Burgie Bilbo of Mobile; Emma Edwards of Chicago and Theresa Smith of Gautier. She made her home with the latter.

"Aunt Sophie" was a devout Christian and was a member of the Baptist faith. She attributed her long life of service and usefulness to "nothing but the Good Lord."

She was born in slavery and she and her family belonged to the Johnnie Byrd family of Gautier. He husband also was a slave and belonged to the late Cadmus Alley of Pascagoula.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Theresa Smith.

8-15-1940

Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

Bilbo 51

3. FRED BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

4. ADAM BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

5. VIRGIL BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

6. ALPHIS BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: JOHN BLAKE
Children: 5

1. FRANK BLAKE

2. LAURA BLAKE

3. PRISCILLIA BLAKE

4. LILIE BLAKE

5. BEN BLAKE
Born:
Died:
Married: BESSIE WILLIAMS
Children: 5

1. BEN BLAKE, JR.

2. JOHNNY BLAKE

3. EDWARD BLAKE

4. VONITA BLAKE

5. JERRY BLAKE

7. EVELYN BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married:
Children:

8. FRANCES BILBO
Born:
Died:

marriages -
Elijah Bilbo mar. Susie Lee
20 Oct 1893

Bilbo
1819 Tax Roll Jackson Co MS

1. William Bilbo 1 white poll, 2 slaves; ~~state tax 3.00, County tax 150~~

2. Thomas Bilbo 1 white poll, 13 slaves;

3. James Bilbo 1 white poll, no slaves

Graham
1. Laird Graham - no slaves -

THE
B-I-L-B-O
FAMILY SONG

VERSE 1: Granham brought the "N.C. 5" to Basin then to Gautier.

CHORUS: B-I-L-B-O, B-I-L-B-O, B-I-L-B-O, and BILBO was their name-o.

VERSE 2: The four boys' names were Warren, Hiram, Frank, and Na-than-iel.

VERSE 3: We search and looked for the sister's name; each record was the same-o.

VERSE 4: Warner married Eliza and they had four daughters.

VERSE 5: Hiram married Han-nah and they had one son.

VERSE 6: Nathaniel married Easter and they had seven children.

VERSE 7: Frank married So-phi-a and they had twenty-two children.

VERSE 8: And now you know the very start and how we got our name-o.

Written by: Corine V. Chikeka
July 29, 1995

Bilbo54

March 6, 1997

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am currently researchging two Mississippi Black families, the Bilbos and Blakes.I am particular interested in those members that lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. I would appreciate any information you might have pertaining to the following person. Documentation such as birth *certificates, death certificates , marriage certiificate, deeds, wills, plantation rosters, etc. will be very helpful in my research..*

Name----------Sophia Bilbo

Pob----------unknown; probably Gautier, Ms or Pascagoula,Ms

Dob----------unknown; probably around ~~1920~~ 1820

Pod----------Gautier, Ms

Dod----------around 1915

Sex----------female

Race----------Black

Other iinformation----------Sophia probably was a slave of the Gautier family plantation. She was a member of New Era Baptist Church of Gautier,Ms. According to family legend Sophia was the mother of about fifiteen children.

Note: The purpose of my request is genealogical research. My relationship to subject person is I am one of her great-grand son. Please bill me for any expense incurred on my behalf..

Yours truly,

Jerry Blake

TELE # 619-423-5733

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Bilbo 55

Wife			Husband	
Patsey Bilbo		Name	Moses Ruben	
		Born		
		Married	4 Dec 1834	Jackson Co MS
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
	F	Matilda Ruben				
		Arthur J. Coy				

Source

By

Form 2

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Bilbo 56

Wife			Husband WILLIS	
		Name	CORNELUS WILLUS	
		Born		
		Married		
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died

Source

By

Form 2

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

Bilbo 57

Wife			Husband	
EASTER BURNEY		Name	NATHANIEL "NAT"	BILBO
		Born		
		Married		
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes T6-R7 - Sec22 - Bluff Creek School Summer 1888

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
1	f	BETSA age 14 1888				
2	M	JOHN BILBO 1888 age 11				
3	M	ROLLIE BILBO 1888 age 8				
4	F	ELIZA BILBO 1888 age 6				
5	M	PETER BILBO 1888 age 20				
		SARDIN BILBO				
		POLLY				
		MILTON				
		CYNTHIA				
		BOB.				

Should be 7 children

Source 5-Peter Bilbo - attended School No. 25 - May-Aug-1875, age 7 By

Form 2

Buried:
Mother:
Father:

Bilbo 58

CHILDREN: 7

1. EMMA BILBO
2. PATSY BILBO
3. CLARA BILBO
4. HANNAH BILBO
5. SHERMAN BILBO
6. DAVID BILBO
7. ELIGA BILBO

1. EMMA BILBO
   Born:
   Died:
   Married: WALTER KNIGHT
   Children: 4
   1. SADIE KNIGHT
   2. RACHEL KNIGHT
   3. MATTIE KNIGHT
   4. WALTER KNIGHT

   1. SADIE KNIGHT
      Born:
      Died:
      Married: WILLIE HARVEY
      Children: 6
      1. ILAMAYME HARVEY
      2. LEODA HARVEY
      3. WALTER HARVEY
      4. EMMA HARVEY
      5. ALVA HARVEY
      6. NORMA HARVEY

      1. ILAMAYME HARVEY
         Born:
         Died:
         Married: JAMES WHITEHEAD
         Children: 3
         1. WARREN WHITEHEAD
            Married: NELL BARIAL

Chidren: 3
1. DAPHNE WHITEHEAD
   Married ERNEST BURTS, SR.
   Children: 3
   1. TAMEKA BURTS
   2. ERNEST BURTS, JR.
   3. PHILLIP BURTS
2. WARREN WHITEHEAD, JR.
   Married:(1) CORTISSHA...?...
   Children: 2 WHITEHEAD
   1. MARSELS WHITEHEAD ...?...
   Married:(2) JEAN ...?...
   Child

Married:
Children:

9. JANET BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: ..... McPHERSON
Children:

10. HESTER BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: ..... THOMPSON
Children:

11. ADDIA BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: ..... MOORE
Children:

12. THERESA BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: NATHAN SMITH
Children: 1
1. FLORA SMITH
Born:
Died:
Married: LLOYD HANKS

13. EVA BILBO
Born:
Died:
Married: ..... KENNEDY
Children:

WARNER BILBO
Born: March 1830 in Virginia Source:Jac Co Death Records
Died: October 13, 1917
Buried: Black Byrd {Scranton Cem} Cemetery, Pascagoula, MS
Mother:
Father:

Bilbo 60

BILBO SLAVES.....NAMES EXTRACTED FROM WILLS and other documents.

JOHN BILBO....

October 21, 1797

Received slaves of SAMUEL HOPKINS, Executor of Estate of EDMUND CLEMENTS ESTATE...

SLAVES were...MILLY
HARRY
ANTHONY

JIMMY
FANNY
LUCY
MILLEY
Child SAM

22	"	"	"	Edward	11	M	"	
23	"	"	"	Rose	9	F	"	Bilbo 61
24	"	"	"	Celina	5	M	"	
25	"	"	"	Louise	1	"	"	
26	425	464	Burney James	55	M	B	Keeping hu	
27	"	"	"	Jane	15	"	"	
28	"	"	"	Brian	14	"	"	
29	"	"	"	Samuel	10	"	"	
30	426	465	Brown Jno	25	M	I	Cal Burn	
31	"	"	"	Eliza	26	F	B	
32	"	"	"	Monia	20	"	"	
33	427	466	Farley John	30	M	B	Cal Burn	
34	"	"	"	Lorobie	19	F	"	
35	"	"	"	Frank	3	M	"	
36	"	"	"	Mary	20	F	"	
37	"	"	"	William	2	M	"	
38	428	467	Bills Nathan	30	"	"	Cal Burn	
39	"	"	"	Ester	28	F	"	
40	"	"	"	Robert	8	M	"	

No. of dwellings, 9 No. of white females, 3 No. of males, foreign born,

" " families, 9 " " colored males, 20 " " females, " "

" " white males, 2 " " " females, 18 " " blind,

1870 Jackson 6 MS

The Vestry Book of King William Parish lists baptisms for some of his children:

"June 30th, 1730 was borne Jacques Billiebo, son of Jean Billiebo and of Susane, his wife; was baptized the 16th August by Mr. Mayre; had for godfather, Antoine Rapine and Estiene Mallet, for godmother, Olive Mallet.

June 23, 1733 was born Marie Bilbo, daughter of Jean Pierre Bilbo and Susane, his wife; had for godfather Antoine Benin, for godmother Barbarie and Mariane Dutoy.

The 26th 9ber, 1735, was born Jean Bilbo, son of Jean Pierre Bilbo and of Susane his wife; he had for godfather Jean Panetie and Isaac Dutoi; for godmother, Janne Janborn and Ester Lafuite; baptized the 18th March.

The 13th Feb. 1738 (1739) was born Elizabet Bilbo, daughter of Jean Pierre Bilbo and of Susane his wife, and died 20th March 1738 (1739).

The 5th Xber 1740 was born Elizabet Bilbo, daughter of Jean Pierre Bilbo and Elizabet his wife; had for god-father Pierre Gueran, Jr., for godmother Elizabeth Wever and Marie Wever."

His first wife was Susanne, who died in 1738 or 1739, after which he married Elizabeth. After his death, the widow, Elizabeth married Adam Winders as seen in one deed located. As to the maiden names of the wives, all that is known is that they were descendants of French Refugees.

While there were only five children listed in the church records, there was a total of nine as named in the will of John Peter Bilbo. Of the sons, one went to Kentucky, and another went to North Carolina. We will trace them and their descendants throughout this land.

R. A. Brock, Huguenot Emigration to Virginia; Narrative from Manakin Episcopal Church; Virginia Magazine of History and Biography; and County Records.

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James Bilbo was first married to Mary Hobson (Hopson), who was the mother of his children. This marriage took place before October 1, 1754, as Mary, wife of James Bilbo, released dower right then. Marriage record has not been located but that she was a Hobson is seen in the will of her father, Nicholas Hobson, dated May 25, 1758, Brunswick County, and recorded December 5, 1758. He does not name a daughter Mary in his will, but names his grandson, Nicholas Bilbo. Another custom then was to name the oldest son after the mother's father. To prove then that Mary was a Hobson, it was necessary to find proof that Nicholas was the son of James. Deed Book 6, Page 181, Mecklenburg County, Va. - December 19, 1780 - James Bilbo to Nicholas Bilbo, "of divers good causes and consideration thereunto moving by me, especially for the love and affection for said Nicholas Bilbo," and asks for consideration of five shillings for parcel of land being on Roanoke River and Cotten Creek, on James Bilbo's line. Five shillings for any amount of land was a gift and would only be given to a son, probably the oldest as it is noted he did not give land to his other sons during his lifetime.

In further support of the wife, Mary, being a Hobson: John Hobson, mentioned in will of Nicholas Hobson as son, made his will October 28, 1767, which was probated January 6, 1768, in Parish of St. Paul, Georgia, mentioned a sister, Mary Bilboa. (William and Mary College Quarterly, Volume 11, Page 74)

James Bilbo married second Dorothy Clack, December 12, 1781 in Brunswick County, Virginia. It could be there were children of this marriage, but the apparent age of all the children does not substantiate this.

The children named in his will were: Matthew, James, Agnes, Mary and William Bilbo. He also named a grandson, John James Bilbo, and a granddaughter, Mary Malone. The grandson was son of John Bilbo who died in Rev. War and the granddaughter was daughter of Susannah Bilbo married Fredrick Malone May 24, 1774, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia, who evidently was deceased at the time of the making of the will. The oldest son, Nicholas Bilbo, also preceded his father in death. Possibly his children were not named because of the previous land deed to Nicholas.

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[1] Elliott, Katherine B. Early Wills (1746-1765), Lunenburg County, Va. gives James Bilbo (Jr.) as taking oath as Officer of the Militia, Order Book 4, P. 403. The order in the Book reads: John Kendrick, John Winn, Joshua Davis, Richard Swepoon, Charles Davis, Drury Smith, Thomas Potters, Richard Willson Junir and James Bilbo, officers in the Militia of this County took the oath of office according to law. The records did not always list Junior or Senior, but since one of the men is shown as Junior, we are assuming this record was for James Bilbo Senior.

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FULL NAME Bilbo, "Aunt" Sophie

DATES

PLACES

One Hundred Year Old Negress Dies In Gautier, Sunday

Death, that relentless eventuality which pursues humanity from the moment of birth, finally overtook one of the most respected and beloved residents of Gautier, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, August 11, when "Aunt Sophie" Bilbo, 100 years old negress, died. A gloom was cast over the community as both white and negro residents mourned her passing.

For an entire century, twice as long as most people live, "Aunt Sophie" made her home in Gautier. Born July 18, 1840, near Americus, 20 miles up the Pascagoula River, she spent her entire life-time in this section.

"Aunt Sophie" led an active life and until her illness a few days ago she sewed and did other small household chores. On the date of her birthday anniversary she was honored with a public reception in the postoffice building in Gautier. The entire community called to express best wishes. A huge birthday cake bearing 100 candles was presented to her but she refused to cut the cake until her picture was taken with it.

Franklin cem - Gautier Black
Bilbo, Mrs. Augustine Caroline, b. 24 Jul 1904, d. 7 Sep 1993
Husb - Hiram Bilbo, deceased.

BECHT, FLORENCE	*Scranton School Enum* Par/Guar: **F. D. BECHT**	5 WF	1894-95
BECHT, FRED	*Scranton School Enum* Par/Guar: **F. D. BECHT**	9 WM	1894-95
BECHT, FRITZ...	See **WEISBECK** also		
BECHT, F.	*Scranton School Enum* White, Parent/Guardian of: **BULLMAN, RUSSELL**	 18 WM	1890-91
BECHT, F. D.	*S2 T8 R6 Scranton Schl Enum* White, Parent/Guardian of: **BECHT, GEORGE** **BECHT, VIC**	 9 WM 6 WM	1890-91
BECHT, F. D.	*Scranton School* TRUSTEE, Served Nov-Feb		1892-93
BECHT, F. D.	*Scranton School Enum* White, Parent/Guardian of: **BECHT, VICTINNE** **BECHT, FRED** **BECHT, WALTER** **BECHT, FLORENCE**	 11 WF 9 WM 8 WM 5 WF	1894-95
BECHT, F. D.	*Democrat-Star, Local News* -**Messrs. F. D. Becht** and **Alfred Farragut** have reopened the branches of their respective laundries, **the Peerless and Troy**, both of Mobile.		Dec 10, 1897
BECHT, FRITZ DANIEL	*Death Records of Jackson Co, MS* Born 30 March 1858, died 22 Oct 1930 in Pascagoula. Catholic, widower. Buried in *Greenwood Cemetery*. Father: **Franc Becht**, born in Germany. Mother: Born in Germany.		
BECK/WEISBECK, FRITZ	*Scranton School* Attended Nov-Feb	10 WM	1889-90
WEISBECK, FRITZ	*Scranton School* Attended Nov-Feb	13 WM	1890-91
BECK/WEISBECK, FRITZ	*Scranton School* Attended Nov-Feb	13 WM	1891-92
WEISBECK, FRITZ	*Scranton School* Attended Nov-Feb	14 WM	1893-94
JONES/WEISBECK, FRITZ	*Scranton School Enum* Par/Guar: **MRS. JONES**	16 WM	1894-95

The BILBO FAMILY HISTORY of the black BILBO FAMILY, states that.....

Bilbo 67

"WARNER, HIRAM, NATHANIEL, FRANK BILBO and one sister, name unknown, came from North Carolina with MR. GEORGE GRANHAM {GRAHAM}, to Basin, then to Gautier."

The early white GRAHAM'S in Jackson County, MS>

1. GRAHAM, JOSEPH 1 white poll; tax .75 (no slaves)

2. GRAHAM, LARD {LAIRD} 1 white poll; tax .75 (no slaves)

3. GRAHAM, WILLIAM 1 white poll, tax .75 (no slaves)

The first white BILBO'S in Jackson County, MS.

1820...Jackson Co, MS Tax Roll

1. BILBO, JAMES 1 white poll; tax .75 (no slaves)

2. BILBO, THOMAS 1 white poll; 14 SLAVES, tax 11.35.

3. BILBO, WILLIAM 1 white poll; 4 SLAVES, tax 3.75.

The first black BILBO'S in Jackson County, MS.

1. FRANK BILBO
2. HIRAM BILBO
3. NATHANIEL BILBO
4. SISTER BILBO Clara
5. WARNER BILBO

1. BILBO, FRANK
Born:
Died:
Father:
Mother:
Brothers: HIRAM BILBO, NATHANIEL BILBO, WARNER BILBO
Sister: Clara... BILBO

MARRIED: SOPHIA
Born:
Died:
Father:
Mother:

CHILDREN: 5 Sons & 17 Daughters..

1. SCOTT BILBO
Died:
Children:

2. Bo

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Album Of Yesteryear

THIS IS AUNT SOPHIE BILBO WHO COOKED FOR FOUR generations of the Gautier family and is said to have been 123 years old when she died in 1942. The photo was made in 1941 by R. H. Gautier, great grandson of Fernando Gautier, for whom Aunt Sophie began working when she already was a grown woman with four children. Most of her 23 children died of old age before she did. The photo was submitted by Henry Gautier of Pascagoula.

Greyhounds Win

C. Green, J. Martin, S. Hilliard and P. Brabston, all at guard, did

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Thomas Joel Bilbo

Birth: Jun. 20, 1776
Lunenburg County
Virginia, USA
Death: Sep. 20, 1846
Calcasieu Parish
Louisiana, USA

Thomas J. Bilbo was the fifth child of John Jean Bilbo and Susanna Ann Walker. He was born June 20, 1776 in Lunenburg County (now Mecklenburg), Virginia. His mother died when he was 10 years old. Thomas was still living in Virginia in 1799 when he witnessed the will of his uncle, James Bilbo. Shortly thereafter, Thomas, his brother John, and their half brother William Ray, left Virginia and moved to the Mississippi Territory. In the early 1800's, Thomas worked as a surveyor. He married 16 year-old Anna Marie Lawrence on July 12, 1804 in Washington County, Mississippi Territory (now in Alabama). When his father, John, died in 1809, he left Thomas a horse, bridle, and saddle. During 1812, Jackson County was formed and the County seat was established at Thomas Bilbo's house near the Pascagoula River. During the War of 1812, he served as a Major in the Jackson County State Militia - 17th Regiment. This Unit fought the Creek Indians and served with Andrew Jackson at New Orleans. Thomas served as Chief Justice of Quorum Court in 1812, 1819, and 1823. In 1817, Thomas was selected to serve as a member of the Mississippi Constitutional Convention and was one of the signers of the finished document. Thomas also served as a member of the Mississippi State Legislature in the years 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825 and 1829. Thomas and Anna Marie had nine known children: John Bilbo 5/8/1806, Nancy Ann Bilbo (Reeves) 1/14/1808, Jane Bilbo (Dupree) 3/10/1810, Joseph Lawrence Bilbo 3/12/1812, William Lawrence Bilbo 3/25/1814, Rebecca Gaines Bilbo (Ryan), 3/22/1818, Anna Marie Bilbo (Gillett) 6/12/1820, Laura Ester Bilbo (Glenn, Johnson) 10/1827, and Margaret Bilbo 9/3/1832. Jane Bilbo married Wyatt Dupree, had a son, and continued living on the Bilbo property. Sometime between Christmas 1828 and New Year's Day 1829, Wyatt "debauched" his sister-in-law, Nancy. The belief was that Wyatt seduced Nancy's virtue. Shortly afterward, Wyatt, Jane, and their son moved to Greene County, where his father lived. During her confinement, Nancy had been sent to live with her Uncle William Ray Bilbo. She

Cemetery Photo
Added by: David M. Habben

In doing some research, it seems that young Thomas was left a horse, a saddle and bridle in his father's will. Thomas then went to Lousianna and did quite well. Bravo Thomas!Rest in eternal peace. You will be long remembered by all who read about you, or...(Read more)
- Louise Morgan Harper
Added: Sep. 12, 2009

gave birth to Ellen Elizabeth on September 25, 1829. Thomas Bilbo believed Nancy's virtue had been taken by force. It is probable that Wyatt and Jane did not know about Nancy's pregnancy and the birth of Ellen Elizabeth. Over time, Thomas became more and more enraged and developed a plan to kill Wyatt. In the fall of 1929, Wyatt sent word that he was bringing Jane and the baby to visit. Thomas gathered together his firearms and a sword cane and placed them in a room where they could not be seen. He asked two Negro men, Ned and Ben, to stand by the door. He then invited Wyatt into his house. Thomas grabbed a double barrel shotgun and began firing. The aim of his gun was off and Thomas managed to kill Ned and shoot half of one of Wyatt's ears off. The events were witnessed by several people including the family schoolteacher, Mr. Neill Little. After the Grand Jury convened, charges of the State versus Major Thomas Bilbo were made. He was charged with the murder of Ned and assault of Wyatt Dupree. Four lawyers were involved. The jury felt Thomas was fully justified in trying to kill Wyatt and that the killing of Ned had been an accident. (Wrongful Death and Involuntary Manslaughter were not legal concepts in that day and time). Thomas Bilbo was found guilty and paid a fine of $5.00. Many wondered why a man of such wealth and considerable political power would move from Mississippi. To put the pregnancy and trial behind them, Thomas and his family moved to southwest Louisiana in 1832. Wyatt, Jane, and their son moved to Texas. Thomas purchased land located on the site of a former Army military outpost, Cantonment Atkinson, which was occupied in the late 1820's and early 1830's. It included most of what is now Lake Charles. The former mess hall of the military post, a two-story sturdy log building, served as the family home. When Margaret, the youngest daughter of Thomas and Anna Marie died in 1840, part of the land located on the east shore of the lake was designated as a cemetery; however, there is no marker to indicate the exact site of Margaret's grave. Over 200 pioneer residents are known to be buried there. Most of the graves were either unmarked, their wooden markers deteriorated, or their markers were destroyed by vandals. Less than 30 marked graves remain. In 1918, a hurricane destroyed the home.

Family links:
Children:
Laura Ester *Bilbo* Johnson (____ - 1873)*
John Bilbo (1806 - 1845)*

3 of 3

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Nancy Ann *Bilbo* Reeves (1808 - 1908)*
Joseph Lawrence Bilbo (1812 - ____)*
Margaret Bilbo (1832 - 1840)*

*Calculated relationship

Burial:
Bilbo Cemetery
Lake Charles
Calcasieu Parish
Louisiana, USA

Maintained by: K&M&D
Originally Created by: SnL Roots
Record added: Jul 05, 2005
Find A Grave Memorial# 11297654

BILBO, ADAM	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: FRANK BILBO	7 CM	Jun 1900
BILBO, ALBERT	*West Pascagoula Negro School* Attended May-Sept	8 CM	Sum 1900
BILBO, ALBERT	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **ALFRED BILBO**	8 CM	Jun 1900
BILBO, ALFRED	*S31/32 T7 West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Negro, Parent/Guardian of: BILBO, **ALBERT** BILBO, **KATIE**	 8 CM 6 CF	Jun 1900
BILBO, BERGIE	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**	13 C	Jun 1900
BILBO, BURTON	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**	14 CM	Jun 1900
BILBO, CHARLES	*S31/32 T7 West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Negro, Parent/Guardian of: BILBO, **MARY**	 8 CF	Jun 1900
BILBO, CHARLES	*West Pascagoula Negro School* Attended May & Jun	5 CM	Sum 1900
BILBO, CHARLES	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **ELASN? BILBO**	5 CM	Jun 1900
BILBO, E. E.	*West Pascagoula Negro School* TRUSTEE, May 14 to Sept 14		Sum 1900
BILBO, ELASN?	*S32 T7 West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Negro, Parent/Guardian of: BILBO, **OLEVIA** BILBO, **CHARLES**	 8 CF 5 CM	Jun 1900
BILBO, EMMA	*West Pascagoula Negro School* Par/Guar: **NED BILBO**	20 CF	Jun 1900
BILBO, EMMA	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**	18 CF	Jun 1900
BILBO, EVALINE	*West Pascagoula Negro School* Attended May-Sept	11 CF	Sum 1900
BILBO, EVALINE	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum* Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**	11 CF	Jun 1900

BILBO, FRANK	*S31/32 T7 West Pasc Negro Scho Enum*		Jun 1900
	Negro, Parent/Guardian of:		
	BILBO, EMMA	18 CF	
	BILBO, HESTER	19 CF	
	BILBO, BURTON	14 CM	
	BILBO, EVALINE	11 CF	
	BILBO, BERGIE	13 C	
	BILBO, FREDDIE	9 CM	
	BILBO, ADAM	7 CM	
	BILBO, THERESA	6 CF	
BILBO, FREDDIE	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	9 CM	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**		
BILBO, HESTER	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	19 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**		
BILBO, KATIE	*West Pascagoula Negro School*	6 CF	Sum 1900
	Attended May-Sept		
BILBO, KATIE	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	6 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **ALFRED BILBO**		
BILBO, MARY	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	8 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **CHARLES BILBO**		
BILBO, NED	*S32 T7 West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*		Jun 1900
	Negro, Parent/Guardian of:		
	BILBO, EMMA	20 CF	
	BRAZLEY, LORENZO	11 CM	
BILBO, OLEVIA	*West Pascagoula Negro School*	8 CF	Sum 1900
	Attended May-Sept		
BILBO, OLEVIA	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	8 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **ELASN? BILBO**		
BILBO, ROSANNA	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	19 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **WM. BILBO**		
BILBO, THERESA	*West Pascagoula Negro School*	6 CF	Sum 1900
	Attended May & Jun		
BILBO, THERESA	*West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*	6 CF	Jun 1900
	Par/Guar: **FRANK BILBO**		
BILBO, WM.	*S31/32 T7 West Pasc Negro Schl Enum*		Jun 1900
	Negro, Parent/Guardian of:		
	BILBO, ROSANNA	19 CF	
	MADISON, LENNIS	17 CM	

3. Marcella Alexander, m. William B. Carter; son of William Carter and Elizabeth Beardslee.
2. William Alexander, b. 1836
2. Daniel Alexander, b. 1836; m. 8-11-1875, Annie Ollie
2. Mildreth Alexander, b. 6-4-1845; d. 2-23-1910; m. Rev. Aurelious P. Cox, a Methodist preacher and veteran of the Civil War; several children
2. Polly Alexander, b. 1841
2. Rebecca Alexander, m. General DeKalb O'Neal, b. 1824.

Sources of Information: E. Russ Williams, Bogalusa, La.; Mrs. Roberta O'Neal Downing, Perkinston; Mrs. Inez Breland Hooper, Moss Point; J. M. Alexander, Vancleave.

BILBO

Jacques Bilibeaux came over about 1700 on the first of the Huguenot ships and settled at Manikintown, Va. By 1750, when the son of Jacques died, the name Jean Pierre Bilibeaux had been anglicised to John Peter Bilbo. Some of the descendents of these early Huguenots arrived in Mississippi Territory soon after its formation and one Thomas Bilbo was married in 1804, in Columbus, Miss., to Ann Lawrence, an Englishwoman. By 1812, he was a settler in Jackson County and his brother, William Hearn Bilbo, was on the roster of those who fought in the War of 1812.

Thomas Bilbo and William Hearn Bilbo played important roles in the early history of Jackson County. The former after twenty years moved with his family in 1832 to Calcasieu Parish, La., but the latter remained in Jackson County where many of his descendents have filled important posts in civic and military life.

The first land entry of Thomas Bilbo bears the date of 1812 and that same year his house on the west side of Pascagoula River near Benndale was designated as the county seat of the newly formed county of Jackson, where courts were held for the next ten years. Thomas Bilbo was major in the local militia in 1812; chief justice of the quorum court, 1812, 1819, and 1823; member of the Constitutional Convention of 1817; member of the state legislature five times: 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825, and 1829. Thomas Bilbo surveyed the township lines of Jackson and George Counties by 1820 and had completed the section lines by 1828. The tax rolls of 1828 credit him with 17 slaves and 2240 acres of land. William H. Bilbo had seven slaves.

Thomas Bilbo is listed as one of the patrons of the first school of record in Jackson County which was at Benndale in 1818 and was a leader in this school until he moved to Louisiana in 1832. (See early schools).

In 1832, Thomas Bilbo secured a tract of land in Calcasieu Parish, La., which contained old Fort Atkinson. He moved his family into the old fort and became one of the leaders of the

community. Many of the streets in Lake Charles are named for him and his family.

Bilbo Family

2. Thomas Bilbo, b. 6-20-1776; d. 1846; m. 7-12-1804, Ann Lawrence, b. 4-7-1788; d. 1848
   3. John Bilbo, b. 5-8-1806; d. 5-22-1845; wife mentioned but never named; a Methodist preacher from 1828 to 1834 in Alabama and Louisiana
   3. Nancy Bilbo, b. 1-14-1808; m. Isom Reeves
   3. Jane Bilbo, b. 3-10-1810; m. Wyatt Dupree
   3. Joseph Lawrence Bilbo, b. 3-12-1812; m. 4-12-1858, Elmira Hodges.
      4. Mrs. Laura Bilbo Molden, Lake Charles, La.
   3. William L. Bilbo, b. 3-25-1814; m. 4-12-1829, Huldah Cole
      4. Christopher Columbus Bilbo, Lake Charles, La.
   3. Rebecca Gains Bilbo, b. 3-22-1818; m. Nov. 1854, Jacob Ryan
   3. Ann Bilbo, b. 6-12-1820; m. Columbus Gillet; moved to California in the 1840s
   3. Laura Esther Bilbo, b. Oct. 1827; m(1) James Glenn; m(2) Burnett Johnson
   3. Margaret Bilbo, b. 3-9-1832 in Lake Charles; d. 4-8-1840
2. William Hearn Bilbo; m. Charlotte Ryan, b. c1800; dau. of Isaac Ryan (See Ryan outline)
   3. William Moss Bilbo, b. 12-14-1821; d. 10-8-1899; m. Harriet A. Davis, b. 8-12-1840; d. 12-12-1898; both buried at Davis Bayou, graves marked.
      4. Samuel Montgomery Bilbo; m. Mrs. Williams
      4. Walter Ray Bilbo, b. 11-2-1859; d. 8-16-1927; m. Elizabeth Martin, b. 9-15-1867; d. 10-16-1934
         5. Hattie Bilbo, b. 6-6-1889; d. 10-25-1929; m. Joseph K. David, David, b. 7-15-1888
         5. Bryan Bilbo. (and others, names not furnished)
      4. William Norman Bilbo m. Minnie Hunt
         5. One boy and two girls living in Biloxi
      4. Abner Gaines Bilbo m. Miss George
      4. George Hamlin Bilbo m..... (Two children living in Moss Point)
      4. Payton Winfield Bilbo
      4. Ila Clementine Bilbo, m. ..... Billings
      4. Charlotte Virginia Bilbo m. ..... Cunningham; m(2).....
      4. John Wesley Bilbo; m. Vernie Flurry
   3. James Bilbo, m(1), Caroline Wilson; m(2), Jane Wilson, both daughters of Thomas Wilson
   3. George Bilbo — moved to Texas
   3. Joseph Bilbo m. Sabra Wilson, sister to Caroline and Jane; died and buried in Little Rock, Ark.
      4. George Hess Bilbo, b. 12-22-1851; d. 5-24-1924; m. 6-8-1880, Mary Jane Bond, b. 3-25-1858; d. 9-20-1922
         5. Cammie Marvella Bilbo, b. 6-26-1881; m. Oscar Byrd, b. 5-8-1879
         5. Nancy Mittie Bilbo, b. 1-16-1884; d. 1948; nm.
         5. Nelly Beasy Bilbo, b. 1-27-1887; m. John Louis Tootle, b. 8-7-1886; d. 10-16-1957
         5. Flora Bilbo, b. 3-9-1890; d. 1954; nm.
         5. Cora Bilbo, b. 3-9-1890; m. Murray Cox, b. 6-10-1890
         5. Lessie Olivia Bilbo, b. 1-28-1894; m. George Anders Tootle
         5. Lawrence Jerome Bilbo, b. 4-28-1900
      4. Seaborn Hearn Bilbo, m. Lou Ferrell
      4. Lawrence Joseph Bilbo, died young
      4. Mary and Bell Bilbo, nothing known; also Stella Bilbo.

(Joseph Bilbo m(2), Rebecca Jones, sister to John Jones
4. Florida Bilbo m. Albert (Buck) Seymour
5. Rebecca Seymour, died young
5. Earl Seymour, m. Myrtle Brown, live in Texas
5. Joseph Seymour, m. Katie Brown
5. Louella Seymour, m. Johnny Byrd
5. James Seymour, m. ..... Reeves
5. John Keys Seymour, died young
3. Isabelle Bilbo, b. 1842; m. Cadmus Alley, lived in Pascagoula
4. Hattie Alley
4. Lillian Alley
4. Bithy Alley
4. Robert Alley
4. ..... Alley, m. ..... Pelham

Bilbo data: Miss Maude Reid, Lake Charles, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cox; Jackson County records; cemeteries in Mississippi and Louisiana; Bryan Bilbo; Will of Isaac Ryan.

BOND

The Bond family became a part of the history of this area when Nathaniel (Buck) Bond settled in the western part of Jackson County, some twenty miles east of where the shrine has been erected to his grandfather, Col. John Bond. The descendants of Buck Bond and Nancy O'Neal have furnished doctors, lawyers, county officials, and church leaders not only along the Pacagoula but throughout Mississippi and Alabama.

Bond Family

1. **Nathaniel (Buck) Bond,** b. 1832; d. 1898; son of Elisha Bond and Nancy Philadelphia Batson; grandson of Col. John Bond, Jr., and his first wife, Adelphi Batson; married Nancy O'Neal, b. 1832, dau. of William O'Neal and Susanna Dickey; granddaughter of Arthur and Hannah O'Neal
2. Sidney Sanders Bond, b. 1856; d. 1918; m. Annie Wilson, dau. of Seborn Wilson and Sarah Goff, granddaughter of William Goff, R. S.
3. Ora Bond, b. 1884; d. 1919; nm.
3. Genia Bond, 1885; m. Marvin Spikes
3. Scott Bond, b. 1886; m(1), Mary Montgomery, b. 1894; d. 1938; m(2), Lillian Broom, b. 1886; d. 1955; m(3), Mrs. Mack Roberts
3. Alvin Bond, b. 1889; m. Ella Yahn
3. Everette Bond, b. 1892; m. Lulah Flurry
3. Nellie Bond, b. 1895; m. Alvah Nolf
2. Mary Jane Bond, b. 3-25-1858; d. 9-20-1922; m. 6-8-1880, George Hess Bilbo, b. 12-22-1851; d. 5-24-1924. (See Bilbo line for children)
2. Effie Bond, m. Andrew Murphy
2. Elizabeth Bond, d. unm.
2. Josephine Bond, b. 1860; d. .....; m. John Maples, b. 8-17-1858; d. 2-4-1937
3. Carrie Maples, b. 1881; m. Henry D. Havens, son of Joseph Havens and Genett Berry
3. Plumer Maples, b. 1-30-1884; d. 4-24-1902
3. Florian Maples, b. 1885; m. Mackie Vee Mixon
3. Willie Maples, b. 1891
3. Luther Whitt Maples, b. 1887; m. Gladys .....
3. George Maples, b. 1894; m. Elizabeth Cooley
3. Frank Maples

2. Nellie Bond, b. 5-14-1867; d. 5-17-1956; m. 6-4-1893, Malcolm Jerome Roberts, b. 6-26-1866; d. 1-5-1954. (See Richard Roberts line for children)

Biographical Sketches

Florian Maples, long time member of Board of Supervisors of George County and member one term in Mississippi Legislature
Luther Whitt Maples, member of Mississippi Legislature from George County; District Attorney and Judge at Gulfport

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References: Mrs. Roberta O'Neal Downing, Perkinston; Scott Bond; Mrs. C. A. Tate, Stoneville, Miss.

BONDURANT

Among the French Huguenots who came to America was James Bondurant, said to have been the first Bondurant in America. There is no record of when or whom he married, nor of his children except that his seventh son was John Bondurant, who married Martha (Patsy) Walton of Virginia. To them were born ten sons and seven daughters. John Bondurant and his wife Patsy lived near Cartersville, Va., where he operated a flour mill. In 1816 when his seventh son, Joseph, was eight years old he moved to Marengo County, Ala., and raised cotton. This cotton he flatboated to Mobile and took schooner there to New Orleans. On his last trip he was supposed to have been captured by pirates near Ocean Springs, and all efforts to find him or any of his passengers or cargo failed.

Bondurant Family

1. James Bondurant, b. in France, a Huguenot; name of wife and children unknown, except:
2. John Bondurant, m. Martha (Patsy) Walton of Virginia (Ten sons, seven daughters)
3. Mosby Bondurant, d. in infancy
3. George Bondurant
3. John Bondurant
3. William Bondurant, d. in infancy
3. William Bondurant, d. at 16 in Pensacola, Fla.
3. Name forgotten
3. Joseph Bondurant, b. 1808; m. 1827, Frances Leonard, b. 1812.
4. William H. Bondurant; lived in Hazlehurst, Miss.; m. Elizabeth Williams
5. Joseph Bondurant
5. Frank Bondurant
5. Mamie Bondurant, m. William Corley
5. Fannie Bondurant, m. ..... Bufkin
5. Florence Bondurant, m. ..... Hall
5. George Bondurant
4. Elizabeth Ann Bondurant, m. (at 18), E. S. Perryman
5. Sidney Perryman, m. Hattie Ambright, no children. (Lived in Ocean Springs, but earlier had a cattle ranch Wise County, Texas)
5. Frank Perryman
5. Travis Perryman
5. Bessie Perryman

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

COUNTY OF JACKSON.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT,

IN VACATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
NED BILBO, DECEASED.

NO. 5189

TO THE HONORABLE CHANCERY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

Your petitioner, Willie Bilbo, respectfully shows unto the Court that he is a resident citizen of Jackson County, Mississippi, and is one of the surviving children of Ned Bilbo, who departed this life testate on the 16th day of December, 1926.

Your petitioner further shows unto the Court that Ned Bilbo, was, at the time of his death a resident citizen of Jackson County, Mississippi, having his place of residence at Gautier, in said County and State, and that said decedant, on the 20th day of December, 1921, made, published and declared his Last Will and Testament, in writing, by which Will his property was devised to his wife, Caroline Bilbo, Emma Brazely, a daughter, Edward Bilbo and your petitioner, sons, and Lorenza Brazeley and Oliver Harris, grand-children of the said decedant.

Said Will was typewritten on a single sheet of white paper, and was signed by Ned Bilbo by his mark, published and declared by him as his Last Will and Testament in the presence of Henry W. Gautier and J.J.Barker, whose names are subscribed thereto, and petitioner attaches hereto the original of said Will, Marked Exhibit "A" together with the affidavits of the subscribing witnesses, and prays that it may be made a part herewith.

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By the terms of said Will, the said Ned Bilbo appointed Walter Gautier, a resident citizen of Gautier, Mississippi, as Executor, and provides that no bond shall be required of him.

Petitioner further shows that said Walter Gautier is an adult person and a resident citizen of Jackson County, Mississippi, and a suitable and proper person to act as Executor of the estate.

Petitioner is further informed that the Will of Ned Bilbo, deceased, should be probated, although he knows of no debts owed by said Estate and knows of no debts owed to it, and avers that said estate consists entirely of a small tract of land in Jackson County, Mississippi, described as the West end of Lot 6, Subdivision in the Mary Walker Tract, Sections 31 and 32, Township 7 South Range 6 West, containing about three acres. That all parties named as legatees of said Will are of legal age.

The premises considered, your petitioner prays that the paper hereto attached, marked Exhibit "A" and identified by the affidavits of the two subscribing witnesses may be admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of Ned Bilbo, deceased, and bond of record ~~that Walter Gautier may be appointed as Executor thereof; that bond and inventory be dispensed with, and he prays for such other~~ and further relief as in equity he may be entitled to receive.

Willie Bilbo

PETITIONER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23 day of Sept. 1929.

[signature]

CHANCERY CLERK.

Bilbo 78

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

COUNTY OF JACKSON.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority within and for the State and County aforesaid, this day personally came and appeared HENRY W. GAUTIER, who, being by me duly sworn says on oath that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing and hereto attached LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF Ned Bilbo, deceased.

Affiant further states that the said Last Will and Testament was, on the 20th day of December 1921 signed, published and declared by the said Ned Bilbo to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of affiant and in the presence of J. J. Barker, and that this affiant affixed his signature thereto as a subscribing witness in the presence of the said Ned Bilbo and at his request and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, J. J. Barker.

Affiant further states that on said date the said Ned Bilbo was a resident citizen of Jackson County, Mississippi, over the age of twenty-one years and was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and affiant verily believes that the hereto attached document signed by the said Ned Bilbo by his mark was and is the Last Will and Testament of Ned Bilbo, deceased.

Hy. W. Gautier

SWORN to and subscribed before me this the 20 day of September, A. D. 1929.

Josie R. Harry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Commission expires Jany. 23, 1931.

Bilbo 79

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY OF JACKSON.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT,
IN VACATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
NED BILBO, DECEASED.
NO. 5189

This cause coming on for hearing on application of Willie Bilbo for probate of the Will of Ned Bilbo, deceased, and the Court being advised in the premises, doth find that Ned Bilbo, departed this life testate on the 16th day of December, 1926, in Jackson County, Mississippi and that the paper attached to the petition for probate is the Last Will and Testament of said decedant, and ought to be admitted to probate, and record.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the document submitted for probation, be, and the same is hereby admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of Ned Bilbo, deceased, and it is further ordered that the same be recorded by the Clerk in the Record of Wills of Jackson County.

Ordered, adjudged and decreed this the 23 day of September, A. D. 1929.

[signature]
CHANCERY CLERK.

Bilbo 80

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
COUNTY OF JACKSON.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority within and for the State and County aforesaid, this day personally came and appeared J. J. BARKER, who, being by me duly sworn says that he is one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing and hereto attached LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of Ned Bilbo, deceased.

Affiant further states that the said Last Will and Testament was, on the 20th day of December, 1921 signed, published and declared by the said Ned Bilbo to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of affiant and in the presence of Henry W. Gautier, and that this affiant affixed his signature thereto as a subscribing witness in the presence of the said Ned Bilbo and at his request and in the presence of the other subscribing witness, Henry W. Gautier.

Affiant further states that on said date the said Ned Bilbo was a resident citizen of Jackson County, Mississippi, over the age of twenty-one years, and was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and affiant verily believes that the hereto attached document signed by the said Ned Bilbo by his mark was and is the Last Will and Testament of Ned Bilbo, deceased.

J J Barker

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23rd day of September, A.D.1929.

W. C. Hansen, Circuit Clerk
Jackson County, Miss.
~~NOTARY PUBLIC~~

Bilbo 81

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI? JACKSON COUNTY.

I, Ned Bilbo, of Gautier, Mississippi, hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testamant.

I give and bequeath my whole estate, both personal and real, as follows: One half acre to each of the following heirs(Six) namely, Willie Bilbo, one half acre, Emma Brazley, one half acre, Edward Bilbo, one half acre, Lorenzo Brazley, one half acre, Olivia Harris the one half acre now occupied by her as a home, and the remainder of my property I bequeath to my wife Caroline Bilbo with this stipulation and understanding that she is to have the one half acre now occupied by us as our home and all my personal effects: all the above land covered by this my last will and testament is desribed as follows: The west end of lot 6 subdivision of Mary Walker Tract containing 3 acres more or less in Sections 31 & 32 Township 7 S., Range 6 West.

I appoint Walter Gautier of Gautier Miss., Miss., executor of of this my last will and testament without bond.

~~This will revokes all prior wills made by me.~~

This the 20th day of Dec 1921.

his
Ned Bilbo
mark

"We certify that the foregoing will was published, declared and signed by Ned Bilbo, in our presence, and that we, at the request of said Ned Bilbo, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, signed our names as subscribing witnesses thereto."

Hy. W. Gautier

J. J. Barker

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Bilbo 83

Journal of the Jackson County Genealogical Society, Vol 2, No. 2, p. 94

Thomas Bilbo listed on "Census of the Free White Inhabitants of the County of Jackson in the Year 1825" as head of family, with 4 white males, 5 white females and 1 taxable person

Journal of the Jackson County Genealogical Society Journal, Vol 12, No. 3, 47

The location of Jackson County's first courthouse was at Thomas Bilbo's house, on McRae's Bluff on the west side of the Pascagoula River, north of Wilkerson's Ferry, around 1812.

Journal of the Jackson County Genealogical Society Journal, Vol 12, No. 4, p. 19

Bound Records of the GLO Relating to Private Claims for Land in Louisiana 1767-1892. See page * for further info on title.

By Whom Claimed: Thomas Bilbo Original Claimant: Lewis Parker Cultivated & Inhabited August 1809-Feb 1812 Situated: Pascagoula River

Deed from Thomas Galloway to Henry Galloway, dated April 17th, 1873; by adverse possession on the part of the said Henry Galloway and his heirs; and as the heirs at law of the said Henry Galloway, deceased.

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The Defendants therefore pray that said Bill of Complaint be dismissed at the Cost of the Complainant.

E J Adam Jr

Attorney for the Defendants.

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Albert Billo
Hiram Billo
Henry Billo
Sam Billo
Sam Burney
Henry Burney
Minnie Burney
Alfred Billo
Kate Thomas, Sally Wiley,
Joseph Burney Bradley,
Defendants
Edward Burney
Selina Jackson
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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A. C. RAMSEY

BY

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During this year I had to attend (1830) as a witness for the State against Thomas Bilbo, for an assault and battery, on the person of Wyatt Dupree, his son-in-law, and which occured the year before at Bilbo's house, while I was engaged there teaching school. The causes of the affray were such that it was considered by the jury almost justifiable; and therefore imposed on the defendant a mere nominal fine of five dollars only.

It may not be amiss to give here some of the circumstances of this tragical scene, for certainly it was a scene of that character. Mr. Dupree had married Maj. Bilbo's second daughter, Jane, who at that time had borne him one child; and had lived on the Major's place for some time after their marriage; during which he had debauched the eldest daughter, Nancy, sister of his wife; and who had that year 1829 given birth to a child. In the mean time Dupree had moved to Greene County, the neighborhood of his father. When I first went there to take charge of my school, Miss Nancy was there in the family; but I could but notice, in her movements, and associations that something was wrong; and soon after was sent off to W. R. Bilbo, the Major's brother, who subsequently divulged the whole affair to me. Some little time after this, Dupree and his wife, paid the Major a visit, came there on Friday morning and it was supposed, intended to stay until after Sunday. Friday evening however, he went to W. R. Bilbos, I suppose to ascertain the true condition of affairs, came back, and Saturday morning went home, giving as an excuse, that he wished to attend church at home on Sunday, as their pastor would preach there that day. Dupree was a member of the church, and I believe class leader. He did attend and withdrew from the church on that day, which he ought to have done long before this.

Some time after this, Dupree, wife and child came down to the Majors and halloed at the ferry to get across. Major Bilbo's place was on a high, beautiful, elevated bluff and a ferry kept at the river, about one quarter of a mile from his house; sufficiently near to hear the signal of persons wishing to cross over. The Major heard the signal, and through a negro he learned that it was Wyatt Dupree and family. He, accordingly, dispatched a negro man to ferry him over while he was making arrangements for his reception, which consisted in gathering together his fire arms, sword cane & c and placing them in one room where they would be hidden from the eye of Dupree, whom he invited into the other room. The house consisted of two rooms with a passage between. My school house was situated about one quarter of a mile from the residence at the south side of

an old field which had not been cultivated for a long time, except a portion west of the path leading to the school house, but did not obstruct my view of the house; could discern plainly persons or objects moving about at the house, also the portion of the field in cultivation. On this particular morning, I saw Maj. Bilbo walking very hurriedly up the school path, crossed over the fence where he had several hands picking peas; very soon returned followed by two negro men, Ned and Ben. Jack was at the house and who had been sent to ferry over Dupree and family. Soon after this I heard the report of a gun, which from the sound appeared to be in the house. I asked his sons, Joseph and William "what that meant"?, they replied "they supposed father had shot a hawk". In a very short time I saw a little negro coming at full speed, crying out "Master had shot Mass Wyatt". This alarming news could but fill us all with consternation and not wishing to witness the scene, I did not go. Neither did William. Joseph went and directly another messenger from the Major himself, saying "dismiss school and come immediately", which I did.

On arriving at the place, I was met by Mrs. Bilbo in the yard, perfectly frantic, ringing her hands and in deep distress. "Well" says she, "we've had a battle" and commenced giving me the details, but remarked "go in and you will learn all about it". And so I did and such a scene I had never witnessed before. Dupree was tied hard and fast, the cords binding his hands were passed around and under his legs; he seated in a low chair, his wife by his side, the lower part of one ear nearly cut off by a severe punch of the muzzle of an old double barrel shot gun; the blood running from his ear and Jo Bilbo standing by guarding him with a double shot gun. Outside of the house on a blanket, lay Ned, one of the negroes brought from the pea field, shot through the chest with a load of buckshot, groaning and in a dying condition. Jo, the guard, remarked to me, "If he (Dupree)moved a step he would shoot him." I told him to put up his gun, I thought there had been shooting enoungh done. Dupree remarked "I am not going to move, I couldn't if I wanted to, and would not if I could". Previous to this as he told me afterwards, he had fears of their taking his life, but said after you got there those fears left me, and I never was more rejoiced to see you come.

The Major commenced giving me in detail the circumstances of the case, when Dupree stopped him, and gave his account of it. From both of whom, I learned the following facts. Dupree did not intend to stop, but when he rode up to the gate, intending to leave his wife and child, and

change horses as he was going down the river to see Mr. Devise, a mill wright, to get him to work on his father's mill. Maj. Bilbo met them and insisted so strongly on Dupree's stopping and going in that he, Dupree, finally yielded to his earnest solicitations, thinking it true friendship and respect, that prompted the manifested the anxiety on the part of the Major. So into the house they went, the Major leading the way with the child in his arms. When they entered the house, they were conducted into the Major's room, chairs were placed for them, not far from the door, the Major stepped out and placed two negro men in the passage, one on each side of the door to catch Dupree if he should attempt to escape and to assist in confining him; whereupon the Major approached the door with a double shot gun cocked, and remarked, "now you rascal, if you move I will shoot you or blow your brains out."

Dupree being very irritable and withall sprightly sprang at the door, and being left handed knocked the gun with his left hand which fired and emptied the whole load into the chest of poor Ned. And still pursuing and following up his attack, backed the Major across the passage into the door of the other room, which when he entered, and Dupree reaching after him with his left hand, his head turned to the right, the Major gave him such a severe punch with the muzzle of the gun, which came in contact with his ear and that side of the head that it knocked him down, and so stunned him, as to lose the power of resistance any further, whereupon Bilbo and his negroes tied him and had him bound in the condition I found him.

I asked Maj. Bilbo what he intended to do with him. His reply was "I intended to tie him, take him back over the river, give him a hundred lashes and send him home. Whereupon Dupree remarked "if you had it would have been the last one you would have ever troubled." And no doubt it would have been, for he was of fearless, courageous stock and would have resented such an insult at the peril of his life, or the life of the assailant.

- The Sequel To This Tradegdy -

Maj. Bilbo now wished for some one to go after the magistrate, Allen McLendon, Esq. and also wished Judge John Fairley. I volunteered my services. Ned was not yet dead. In the evening I returned with the Squire and the Judge. The negro was now dead. Hence arrangements for a jury of inquest was now in order. The constable Mr. Tucker had come, unto whom the Major had delivered up the prisoner, and who had loosed the cords from

his hands, but had his arms tightly tied around his body. Squire McLendon asked for the charges against Dupree, and what he intended to do in the case. Bilbo replied the charge was murder, and he wished him prosecuted for killing the negro. And after hearing the testimony on both sides, and all the particulars, the Squire remarked I find no charge against this man and consequently shall release him, which he did. The next day an inquest was held and verdict rendered according to the facts. At the close of this inquest, a strong effort was made by friends and citizens to bring about a reconciliation between these parties, so as to drop any further legal proceedings on the part of Dupree aginst Bilbo, for the investigation had brought out clearly that Bilbo instead of Dupree was the agressor; and that he had become liable to Dupree for damages besides subjected himself to a prosecution of assault and battery with an intent to kill. These influences were effectual on Dupree, who waived suit for damages; and promised he would not prosecute provided he was not forced to do so by the Solicitor and Grand Jury, which he was and the case was tried and verdict rendered as before stated. There were four lawyers engaged in the case - Col. Morris (commonly called Coon Morris) Col. Sterling for the State, and Col. Alsberry and Col. Damevon (Dameron) for the Defendant, all of whom acquitted themselves with credit for and against the allegations involved. Col. Alsberry's speech, as well as I now recollect, had a telling effect on the minds of the jury. Hence the light fine imposed.

- Reminiscences of 1831 -

During this year, a general revival of religion prevailed on the Leaf River Circuit under the ministry of Bro. James Applewhite who had been appointed by the Annual Conference preacher in charge. Having incidentally alluded on page 74 to a portion of this years work by the Godly man in connection with his corps of young men whom he had under training for the itinerant work vis: Carney, Gavin, Moody. I shall only state here, more in detail, the character of the work, the energy with which it was prosecuted and devotion to duty of those who had it in charge.

Brother Applewhite was what may be properly termed a revivalist. While his talent for doctrinal preaching might not be considered of the first order, yet his application of truth, his pathetic appeals to the heart and conscience of his hearers, and his abundant labours could but, and almost invariably did, arouse the unthinking and lukewarm to a correct and proper conception of religious truth and their relations to God and eternity; that would lead to action, to faith, repentance and obedience;

"I am acquainted with the parties to this suit and have known them for about 20 years."

"I heard Dorsetty Richards tell George Holley that he, Richards, had sold said land to Thomas F. McCaleb, at one time when said George Holley desired said Richards to sell to him, Holley, the said land, or that he, Richards, had given a Deed to said McCaleb for said land, but in regard to the Deed of Richards to McCaleb, I have never seen it." (emphasis added)

"Dorsetty Richards sold said land referred to in the year 1834 or 1835 to George Holley. Said Holley requested said Richards to Deed said land to him, Holley, but said Richards told Holley that he had already deeded the land to Thomas F. McCaleb and could not sell it to Holley." (emphasis added)

"Holley then told Richards if he would Deed said land to him, Holley, that he would stand between Richards and all danger but Richards said he had deeded to said McCaleb and could not sell to Holley, but afterwards by Holley's persuasion, he, Richards, did Deed to Holley the land he had before deeded to said McCaleb." (emphasis added)

"I do not know who was present when this conversation took place."

"Holley gave Richards as a consideration a piece of land on the Back Bay of Biloxi worth about Sixty Dollars."

"McCaleb was in possession of said premises when I came into this Country in 1833 and continued in possession until turned out of possession by Holley in 1842 or 1843. He, Holley, purchased said land with a view to turn McCaleb out of possession."

"Holley was aware that Richards had disposed of the land to McCaleb before he got the Deed from Richards." (emphasis added)

/s/ JOHN COLLEY"

THOMAS BILBO

"After being duly sworn in the Parish of St. Landry in the State of Louisiana on October 1, 1840, THOMAS BILBO then deponed and stated:"

"I am not interested in the outcome of this suit."

"I know the land in question in this suit. I did, as Deputy United States Surveyor, survey this land in the year 1827 as I believe, for Thomas F. McCaleb."

"Dorsetty Richards said to me that he never had any claim to the land in question until after I had taken it into his survey and his not knowing that his neighbor John Ladner had sold it. That he previously had thought Ladner had kept the land vacant." (emphasis added)

"Dorsetty said that he thought that the land belonged to his neighbor, John Ladner." (emphasis added)

"I then drew up such a Deed on board said Richards Schooner in Biloxi Bay in 1827 in the presence of said Richards and his son and the witnesses and said Richards then signed the Deed."

"I did attach to this Deed a correct plat of survey of said land as

descriptive or illustrative thereof."

"Dorsetty Richards told me, at that time, that John Ladner formerly owned the land in dispute and that he (John Ladner)had rightfully sold the land to McCaleb." (emphasis added)

"I made the survey in 1827 to correct an error that I had made in a previous survey of the land (in 1824)."

"As to the errors that I made, I was ordered by the Surveyor General to survey the Claims at Biloxi Bay. I commenced on the West of the Settlements and progressed eastwardly. When I arrived at the Claim of Dorsetty Richards, he was absent, neither had Thomas F. McCaleb any agent there, nor did I know of any such person as McCaleb."

"The Claim of George B. Dameron lay to the East. I joined the Claim of Dorsetty Richards to that of Dameron on consequence of which, through a mistake, I closed the Claim of McCaleb in that of Richards."

"I had returned to the Land Office and located the Claims as surveyed, Shortly after, I was called on to survey the Claim of Thomas F. McCaleb when I discovered the mistake in the survey of 1927."

"I was then obliged to alter it and there were three ways in which it could be done.

1. To go to the Land Office and alter Richards survey and leave the Claim of McCaleb for further orders;
2. To leave the location in the name of Richards and take the Deed as I have done which I thought best;
3. To alter the Claim of Richards and leave it until a Law should be passed giving a longer time for entering Claims for which a Petition had been sent to Congress and which passed. Under this Law, Thomas F. McCaleb could have entered his Claim."

"After the Law was passed, I was called on by the Commissioners to accompany them to Biloxi in order to prevent fraud being practiced upon hem. I was then acquainted with all the Claims in that District. When at the Claim of McCaleb, I mentioned the case to them as above stated."

"The Commissioners replied that I was correct and that the Deed superceeded all necessity of any further proceedings on the subject."

/s/ THOMAS BILBO"

The following Order was made at the April 1854 Term and a Final Decree signed and filed in this Case as follows:

"This Case came on for Final Decree on Bill, Answers, Exhibits and Testimony. Whereupon his Honor, the Vice Chancellor being sufficiently advised in the premises, doth ORDER, ADJUDGE AND DECREE"

"That Complainant's Bill be dismissed, and"

"That the Defendants do have and receive their costs in this Suit expended to be taxed by the Clerk."

Pierre Pradat."

"I do not know whether Charles E. McCaleb is the lawful son of Thos. F. McCaleb or not nor do I know whether Thomas F. McCaleb was ever married to the mother of Charles E. McCaleb. I know nothing of the notoriety either in Biloxi or at New Orleans of the said Charles E. McCaleb being considered the natural or illigitimate son of Thomas F. McCaleb."

/s/ R. C. WEBB"

THOMAS BILBO

"On the 28th of February, 1846 THOMAS BILBO, a resident of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and at the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, first being duly sworn by Edward Barnett, a Notary Public, deponed and said"

"I am acquainted with the parties to this suit, and have known them since 1828 or 1829. I am familiarly acquainted with the land at Biloxi called the "Point-a-Cadet Tract". I did as Deputy Surveyor of the United States of America, and under Warrant from the United States, surveyed the said land. The said survey was made about the year 1828 or sometime afterwards."

"I surveyed the said tract for George B. Dameron, who then claimed the same as owner from the Government. I did not survey it or any part thereof for Jacques Mathurin Ladner. He, the said Mathurin, did not claim all or any part of it during the time I was there, although, I previously notified all or any persons who had claims to make to said land to appear before me and establish their claims. This notice was made verbally during three (3) days previous by me calling upon them myself."

"No person under the name of Jacques Mathurin, or for him, was in possession of the said tract, nor was any claim made to the same, either by him or others. I do not know that Mathurin ever had possession of the land and consequently I cannot say when he abandoned it. I believe that Jacques Mathurin removed to Bayou LaBatterie where he died, but that I do not know at what time."

"I know the land in controversy and now in possession of Pierre Pradat. I included it in my survey at the time stated above. Acting as U. S. Deputy Surveyor and under Confirmation of Donation from the U. S. to George B. Dameron, I did survey and include the land now claimed by Pradat as the land claimed and belonging to George B. Dameron at that time." (emphasis added)

"At the time of the making of the survey, David Smith and Henry Fletcher were my chain carriers and other residents of Biloxi whose names I do not recollect were present and no one objected or forbade me from including it as Dameron's land."

"I understood at that time and understood it from the nature of the Confirmation of George B. Dameron's claim, that Dameron had become the owner of all the Mathurin's Settlement Right and that I did not, at that time, hear anyone doubt or dispute it. I, not knowing that Mathurin ever had possession of said land, cannot state when he aban-

doned it, or whether he attempted to sell or rent the part now in possession of Pradat, or whether he abandoned the possession as having no claim to it."

"I do not have my field notes or map of survey with me so I cannot state the precise measure of the front, South, in chains of said tract, nor whether there is less than twenty-one arpents front, but I recollect perfectly well that the claim of Dameron was confirmed for 640 acres and that there not being sufficient lands to give him the quantity called for in his Confirmation of the Grant, I could only obtain and measure for him the quantity of 511 acres."

"As a practical and experienced Surveyor, having been engaged in that business for 42 years as U. S. Deputy Surveyor, which appointment I still hold, if called upon to execute a survey of land fronting on a water course whose shore was crooked or meanders, and the Deed which required the survey called for 20 arpents front on the water, I would make the lineal measure of the 20 arpents front a straight line and not compute the lineal measure by the meandering of the shore."

"Not having the necessary papers or books to refer to, I cannot state how many arpents front from the Point-a-Cadet west to Dorsette Richards line it measures, but that the survey made by me would show it. I do not know anything more of material interest to the said Charles E. McCaleb in this suit."

To the cross examination of Pradat's counsel propounded to him, THOMAS BILBO, answered:

"The tract called the Point-a-Cadet is bounded by Dorsette Richards on the West as I was informed whilst surveying, at which time Dorsette Richards claimed to own the land West of George B. Dameron's claim."

"No claim, right or warrant was made by any person to said tract that I surveyed, or any part of it. Jacques Mathurin did not reside on said claim at the time I made the survey. No person resided on it at the time to the best of my recollection. Dominique Ladner did not reside upon the said land, he resided then, to my knowledge, on the North of rhe Biloxi Bay or a Donation Claim which I surveyed for him. I do not know whether Dominique was the son of Jacques Mathurin alias Jacques Mathurin Ladner."

"I do not know whether Jacques Mathurin and his children or any of them had possession of 5 arpents front on the West side of said claim at the time I made the survey and from A. D. 1812 to 1832 inclusive. I was ordered by the Surveyor General of the U. S. of America to pay no attention to all or any claims not confirmed, and his express orders were to include them if necessary to obtain the quantity of land required in the Confirmation claims. I did sometimes take in whole pretended claims that were not confirmed in order to complete the confirmed ones."

"I do not recollect hearing Jacques Mathurin or any of his children say that he, Jacques Mathurin, had sold his claim to Dameron. I do not

know Jacques Mathurin or his children sufficiently well to state whether they were illiterate and ignorant of the methods of doing business and whether they were liable to be imposed upon by men of business habits. I do not know whether any or either of them could read or write or not."

/s/ THOMAS BILBO

At this point in the testimony, and for comparison, I will now set forth the testimony of this same THOMAS BILBO that was taken in the law suit of Elizabeth Curtis vs. Dorsette Richards and George Holley. This law suit will be set forth in full after the Pradat v. McCaleb controversy has been completed. I must again call to the attention of the reader that, at the outset of this article, I stated that both the LADNER and RICHARDS Claims must be taken together if we are to fully understand what actually happened at the time these lands were confirmed by the United States and Bilbo made his surveys. I do believe that the reader now partially understands my reasoning, and I am in hopes that when we have completed the entire article that the point will be made, or at least some questions are answered, as to the actual and final ownership as determined in these court battles. Also for a better understanding of this matter, I am also going to present the Deposition of Narcisse Richards, son of Dorsette Richardsm that is also mentioned in the suit of Curtis v. Richards and Holley, so that the actions of Thomas Bilbo can be better understood by the reader.

THOMAS BILBO

"(Curtis vs. Richards & Holley) On October 1, 1840 in the Parish of St. Landry in the State of Louisiana, THOMAS BILBO, being duly sworn, deponed and testified"

"I am not interested in the outcome of the suit of Elizabeth Curtis vs. George Holley, et al. I know the land involved in this controversy, I surveyed it in 1827 or thereabouts for Thomas F. McCaleb."

"Dorsette Richards told me that he never had any claim to the land in question until after I had taken it into my survey. He did not know that his neighbor, John Ladner, had sold it, that he previously thought John Ladner had kept the land vacant. Dorsette Richards told me that he believed that the land belonged to John Ladner." (emphasis added)

"I drew up a Deed from Dorsette Richards to Thomas F. McCaleb on the land that I had surveyed as the Dorsette Richard's Claim on board Dorsette Richards' schooner in Biloxi Bay in 1827 in the presence of Richards, his son and other witnesses and Dorsette Richards signed the Deed in my presence to the land in question."

"I attached to this Deed a correct plat of survey as being descriptive or illustrative of the land. At this same time, Dorsette Richards told me that John Ladner formerly owned the same land now in dispute and that it was rightfully sold by John Ladner to Thomas F. McCaleb." (emphasis added)

"The survey that I made in 1827 was to correct an error that was made in a previous survey."

"I was ordered by the Surveyor General to survey the claims on Biloxi Bay. I commenced on the West of the Settlement and progressed eastwardly. When I arrived at the Claim of Dorsette Richards, he was absent and neither had Thomas F. McCaleb any Agent there, nor did I know of any such person as McCaleb. The Claim of George B. Dameron lay to the East. I joined the claim of Dorsette Richards to that of George B. Dameron in consequence of which, through a mistake, I enclosed the Claim of McCaleb (within) that of Richards. I had returned to the Land Office and located the Claims as surveyed. Shortly after, I was called on to survey the Claim of Thomas F. McCaleb when I discovered the mistake in the Survey of 1827. I was then obligated to alter it and there were 3 ways in which it could be done.

1st to go to the Land Office and alter Richards survey and leave the Claim of McCaleb for further orders;

2nd to leave the location in the name of Richards and take the Deed as I have done which I thought best, or

3rd to alter the Claim of Richards and leave it until a law should be passed giving a longer term for entering Claims for which a Petition had been sent to Congress and which passed under this law."

"Thomas F. McCaleb could have entered his claim and after the law passed. I was called on by the Commissioner to accompany them to Biloxi in order to prevent frauds being practised upon them. I was then acquainted with all the claims in that District. When at the Claim of McCaleb, I mentioned the case to them as above stated. They replied than I was correct and that the Deed superceded all necessity of any further proceedings on the subject."

/s/ THOMAS BILBO"

NARCISSE RICHARDS

"On April 16, 1852, NARCISSE RICHARDS, being duly sworn in Curtis vs. RICHARDS & HOLLEY, he deponed and stated"

"I am 52 years of age, am a farmer and live on Narcisse Bayou. I am acquainted with all of the parties in this suit. I did not know Bilbo except by sight."

"Dorsette Richards is my father; he is 86 years old; speaks the French language and his knowledge of the English language in 1827 was very imperfect and he can neither read nor write."

"I was present on my father's schooner when the conversation with Bilbo took place. My father's schooner was laying near his residence on Bil-

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4. Thomas Bilbo, B. June 20, 1776, D. Sept. 20, 1846 son of John Bilbo andAnn Walker, married July 13, 1804, Ann Lawrence, B. April 7, 1788, daughter of Ann Lawrence.

5. John Bilbo B. May 8, 1806, D. March 22, 1845, M. Jane Ann Stevenson. John was a Methodist minister in Ala., Miss. and La.

6. Thomas P. Bilbo

6. Sarah Ann Bilbo

6. Mary Jane Bilbo

6. Polly Dyre Bilbo

5. Nancy Bilbo B.Jan. 14, 1808, M. Isham Reeves

6. George Reeves, B. 1833

6. William Reeves B. 1839

6. Laura Reeves B. 1841

6. John Reeves B. 1845

6. James Reeves B. 1847

6. Joseph Reeves B. 1851

5. Jane Bilbo B.March 10, 1810, M. A. Dupis

5. Joseph Lawrence Bilbo B. March 12, 1812, M. Elmira Hodges B. 1842. Joseph, like his father, was a surveyor.

6. Thomas Bilbo B. 1858

6. Maria Bilbo B. 1861

6. Annie Bilbo B. 1863

6. Joseph Bilbo B 1866

6. Elizabeth Bilbo B 1869

6. Willie Bilbo (probably William) B 1873

6. Sarah Bilbo B 1876

5. William L. Bilbo B. March 25, 1813 M. April 12, 1839 Huldah Cole

6. Joseph Bilbo B 1841 M. Alzena_____B 1847

7. Emma E. Bilbo B 1864

7. Mary A Bilbo B 1866

7. Charlotte Bilbo B 1868

7. John Bilbo B 1869

6. Mary Bilbo B 1842

6. John C. Bilbo B. CA 1844 M. 1. Rachel_____ B. 1849, M. 2. Susan A._____B. CA 1860

7. William J. Bilbo B CA 1879

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7. Delia Bilbo M. Phil Smith

6. Susan C. Bilbo, B 1849

6. Columbus G. Bilbo B CA 1852

7. E.Cordelia Bilbo B CA 1874

6. William L. Bilbo B 1856 M. Selita B. 1862

6. Thomas A. Bilbo B 1859

6. Rebecca J. Bilbo B 1864

5. Rebecca Gaines Bilbo B. March 22, 1818, M. Nov. 1834 Jacob Ryan

6. Asa Ryan B. 1836 M. Leticia_____B 1848

7. Irin Ryan (Daughter) B. 1868

6. Ware Ryan B. 1838

6. Ann Ryan B. 1840

6. Marge Ryan B. 1842

6. Martha Ryan B. 1844

6. Lawrence Ryan B. 1846 M. Marie B. 1849

6. George W. Ryan B. 1848 M. Marguerite B. 1853

7. Kathinka Ryan B. 1869

6. Jacob Ryan B. 1849

6. Laura Ryan B. 1851

6. Minerva Ryan B. 1855

5. Ann Moore Bilbo B. June 12, 1820, M. Columbus Gillett, moved to California

5. Laura Esther Bilbo B. Oct. 4, 1827, M. 1. James Glenn M. 2. Bernett Johnson

5. Margaret Bilbo B. March 9, 1832, D. April 8, 1840

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Paupers, patriots, pirates

Settlers migrated to claim land

▶ *Fifth in a series*

By REGINA HINES
Mississippi Press Staff

Some were paupers — others were patriots — still others were pirates. Representing a gamut of backgrounds and nationalities, most of Jackson County's first settlers had migrated here to claim land in the new, wide-open Mississippi territory. They came from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, the Carolinas and Georgia. Some had drifted southward after living in the wilds of what is now Tennessee and Kentucky.

JACKSON COUNTY 175th ANNIVERSARY 1812 1987 175 YEARS OF PROGRESS

By the time Jackson County was founded in December 1812 there were about 400 people of diverse backgrounds living in the the county's original 736-square-mile area.

As in any community, some men stood out as leaders among the rest. The names of two of them — Sterling Dupree and Thomas Bilbo — are repeatedly seen in documents that chronicle the early years of Jackson County. Dupree, who was alternately cheered and feared by the people of the area, was a strong leader, but his confiscation of others' property had upset much of the population. Folk tales say that he may have been associated with the pirate LaFitte.

On the other hand, the Virginia-educated Bilbo was well regarded as a surveyor and was well respected by his peers. The only scandal to surface that was connected with his name occurred when the Dupree family and the Bilbo family were united in marriage.

Bilbo's second daughter, Jane, had married Dupree's son Wyatt and Wyatt had committed an unspeakable act. Bilbo assaulted his son-in-law. A slave was accidentally shot and the case went to court. But due to the circumstances Bilbo was only fined by the court.

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'Best' contest winners announced

Winners in the "Tell us what you like best" contest have been announced by *The Mississippi Press*.

Results of the "Coast's best" contest were carried in Tuesday's paper.

The winners, drawn from those who filled out the list, include:

— First place, Wesley Smith, 4602 Navaho Ave., Pascagoula, $100 cash prize.

— Second place, Anne Stietenroth, 9225 Seacliff Blvd., Ocean Springs, $50 cash prize.

— Third place, Vera L. Simmons, 4007 Washington Ave., Pascagoula, $25 cash prize.

Digest

Outlook

The National Weather Service in Jackson says it will be mostly sunny in the Gulf Coast area today, and partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

High today near 70, low tonight in the mid 40s and high Friday 65 to 70.

Jackson County Port Authority Weather Station recorded Wednesday's high-low temperatures at 74-55, and rainfall at 00.01 of an inch.

Record extremes for Dec. 9 were 79 in 1972 and 22 in 1917, as listed by Bates Field.

Friday's tides

High: 12:56 a.m. Low: 12:17 p.m.

▶ Full weather details on Page 8-A.

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Settlers

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Sterling Dupree apparently was not involved in the confrontation. He had had his notoriety years before.

Dupree, who came from Pitt County, N.C., claimed land along the Pascagoula River in northeast Jackson County about 1805, where he and his wife, Abagail Parker, raised a large family.

When an assembly of residents of Spanish West Florida was called to declare their area a republic in September 1810, Dupree went to the convention at St. Francisville, La., to represent the parish of Pascagoula. He presented a petition favoring independence signed by 32 residents. But the short-lived Republic was made a part of the U.S. Territory of New Orleans less than two months later.

During this time, correspondence of that era shows that Dupree and a band of followers were on a rampage of thievery along the Pascagoula. Dupree apparently had refused to accept the new government and wanted the agreement of the convention at St. Francisville upheld. He was reportedly using his position to further his cause.

Territorial Gov. William C.C. Claiborne asked Dr. William Flood of New Orleans to be his emissary to bring about civil law. "It has been stated to me that Mr. Dupree, styling himself as mayor, assuming to be a colonel in the service of the Florida Convention and that he has committed depradations on the people of Pascagoula," Claiborne wrote to Flood. "Endeavor to see this man, or some of his party, and inform him, or them, that the powers of the Florida Convention have ceased, and the people of Pascagoula are now under the protection of the American government and the laws of the territory."

In December, Dupree and about 40 of his followers had come down from the American settlement toward Baton Rouge and were forcing the citizens to act in favor of the government of the West Florida Republic, rather than the United States. The settlements in both the Biloxi and Pascagoula parishes were in a state of confusion. Dupree had appointed Peter Nicola as captain to carry out his order.

Dupree and his band were accused of commandeering three schooners belonging to John Baptiste Baudrau, Anthony Krebs and Augustine Krebs, then loading into them about $30,000 of household goods, liquor, five or six negro slaves and "even the locks and hinges off the doors," at the house of the John Nicolet, who was then dead.

The boats were sailed up river to Dupree's home near Benndale.

About a dozen local people followed Dupree and tried to recover the stolen goods, but they were outnumbered. Samuel Davis was killed and Allen Gooding and another man were wounded, according to statements written at that time.

Fortesque Coming, the man who Dr. Flood had appointed as justice of the peace to bring the situation back to order and subdue Dupree, met with resistance. Many locals helped Dupree and did not want him arrested.

Because of the unrest in the new United States' territory, there were rumors that the foreign powers of Spain or Great Britain might try to recover their lost lands.

The confusion continued into the next year when Jackson County was taken into the Missisippi Territory as part of Mobile County. In May 1812, the new governor, David Holmes, appointed Dupree as commandant of the district.

But when Jackson County was created seven months later, Dupree was not among the first officials.

Thomas Bilbo, James Ware, Wheeler Gresham, Benjamin Youngblood and Robert Williamson were named justices of the quorum court, the forerunners of the board of supervisors. Malcolm Monroe, George Davis and Moses Collins were justices of the peace; Perry King was sheriff and William Bates was clerk of court.

While Dupree's role in government waned as he grew older, Bilbo continued to be a well known citizen in his area. The first courthouse was at Bilbo's home and he helped establish one of Jackson County's early schools nearby.

Bilbo, of French Hugenot ancestry, came from Lunenburg and Mecklenburg Counties, Va., into the Mississippi Territory with some of his family, including his younger brother, William Ray Bilbo. In 1804, when he was 28, he married Ann Lawrence, an Englishwoman, in the area of Columbus, Miss.

By 1812 he had claimed three separate parcels of land in present-day George County. A surveyor, Bilbo is credited with surveying the section lines of the county. His name appears on most of the land grants after 1812. He was a major in the local militia in 1812 and represented Jackson County at the Constitutional Convention in 1817.

Thomas and Ann Bilbo had eight children on their busy homestead, which doubled as courthouse for Jackson County for the first 10 years of the county's existence.

The incident between Bilbo and Wyatt Dupree, his daughter's husband, happened in 1829 and Bilbo's trial was in 1830. An eye witness account of the event is in the diary of A.C. Ramsey, who taught school at Bilbo's place in that era and has been reprinted by Jean Strickland *The Autobiography of A.C. Ramsey* on pages 69 through 72. The book is found at many local libraries.

In 1832, Bilbo bought land in Calcasieu Parish, La., where their last child, Margaret, was born in the same year. He carried on his tradition of community service that he had begun in Jackson County in Lake Charles, La., where many streets are named for him and his family.

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1850
William Thomas Bilbeau, Age 50 Born in La.
Laura Bilbeau, Age 22, B. Miss.
Joseph Bilbeau, Age 38, Born in Miss.

William Bilbeau, Age 37, Born in La., Planter
Aldy Bilbeau, Wife, Age 32, Born in La.
Joseph Bilbeau, age 10, Born in La.
Mary Bilbeau, 8
John Bilbeau 6
Ellen Bilbeau 3

Jacob Ryan, Age 34, Merchant B. La.
Rebecca Ryan, Age 32, B. Miss.
Asa Ryan 14
Ware Ryan 12
Ann Ryan 10
Marge Ryan 8
Martha Ryan 6
Laurens Ryan 4
George Ryan 2
Jacob Ryan 8/12

1860
Joseph L. Bilbo, age 47, B. Miss., Surveyor, real estate Value 4,000
Elmira Bilbo, Age 18, B. La.
Thomas Bilbo, 2
Mrs. Thomas Bilbo age 70, Born in Miss., 14000 Personal Estate

Isham Reeves, 47 farmer, B. La.,
Nancy Reeves, 50
George Reeves 27
William Reeves, 21
Laura Reeves 19
John Reeves 15
James Reeves 14
Joseph Reeves 9

1870
Joseph L. Bilbo, 58, Farmer, Real Estate $600, Personal Property $600
Elmira Bilbo, 28
Thomas Bilbo 9
Maria Bilbo 9
Anna Bilbo 7
Joseph Bilbo 4
Elizabeth Bilbo 1

William Bilbo 57, Farmer, Re Est $200; Personal Prop $800
Hulda Bilbo, 50
Columbus G. Bilbo 17
Susan C. Bilbo 19
William L. Bilbo 14
Thomas A. Bilbo 11
Rebecca Bilbo 6

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1870
Joseph L. Bilbo, Jr., 28, Farmer, Real Estate $100.
Alzena Bilbo, 23 Personal Property 200
Emma E. Bilbo, 6
Mary A. Bilbo, 4
Charlotte Bilbo, 2
John Bilbo, 1

John C. Bilbo, 24, farmer, Real Estate $100; Pers. Property
Rachel Bilbo, 21 $100.

Jacob Ryan, 54, Sawmill owner, Real Estate $6,000, personal
Rebecca Ryan, 52, keeping house property $600.
Henderson Ryan, 21
Harry Ryan, 17
Laura Ryan, 19
Minerva Ryan 15
Mrs. Anna Bilbo, 83
Laura Reeves, 27

Lawrence Ryan, 26, Sawyer, Real Estate $1,000, Personal
Marie L. Ryan, 19 Property $1,000.

Asa Ryan, 34, Value of Real Estate 800, Personal Property
Letitia Ryan, 22 $200
Irin Ryan, 2, female

George W. Ryan, 23, male, sawyer, Value Real Estate 400,
Marguerite Ryan, 17 Value Personal Property
Kathinka Ryan, 1 $200

1880
Joseph Bilbo, 68, farmer, B. Miss. - did not know birth-
Elmira Bilbo, Age 38 place of father
Thomas Bilbo, 21
Maria Bilbo, 19
Annie Bilbo 17
Willie Bilbo, 7
Sarah Bilbo, age 4

John C. Bilbo, 33, Farmer, Father B. Miss., Mother B. La.
Susan A. Bilbo, age 20
William J. Bilbo, age 1
William R. Bilbo, age 23, brother, laborer
Selita Bilbo, female 18, sister-in-law

Huldy Bilbo, age 60, keeping house, B. La.
Columbus Bilbo, son 26
Rebecca J. Bilbo, daughter age 16
E. Cordelia Bilbo 9, granddaughter

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Informant, Joe JONES.

BARINGER, S.C. d. 5 May, 1923 age 64, buried in Greenwood.

BARNES, DAVID b. 25 Dec. 1859, d. 4 Aug. 1932 in Vancleave. Married; farmer; buried at L.D.S. Church Cem. Father: Robert BARNES, b. GA. Mother: Civil GOFF, b. Vancleave, MS.

BARNES, HARRISON (c) d. Nov. 1913

BARNES, LAURA C. b. 14 Oct. 1827, d. 5 Oct. 1920. Husband, Enoch BARNES, Father: Walter CLOUGH b. NY.

BARNETT, JIMMIE (c) d. 30 Sept. 1922 age 102 years. Informants, Harris EVANS and Dallas BUSH.

BARNETT, LORENZO d. 5 March, 1916 age 74; Harbor Master; divorced; buried St. Moss Point.

BARNUM, BERNADINE, (c) age 5, accidental drowning, 23 June, 1930. Father, Norman BARNUM, Mother: Rose KREBS.

BARNUM, CLARA; (c) AGE 8, d. 23 June, 1930, Father: Norman BARNUM, Mother: ROSE KREBS.

BARNUM, ROSE; (c) d. 23 June, 1930, age 10 accidental drowning, Father: Norman BARNUM, Mother: Rose KREBS.

BARRETT, JOSEPHINE (c) d. 29 Sept. 1928 age 78, St Paul Cem. Father: James HARRIS, b. AL.

BARTEE, JAMES (c) d. 21 Aug. 1932 age 45 buried St Paul. Father: Hardy BARTEE, b. GA. Mother: Malisia LEE.

BARTEE, MALISSIA b. 26 Sept. 1864, d. 25 March, 1935, Father: Hyram BILBO, b. Basin, MS. Mother: LETTIE LEE, b. Basin.

BARTOLA, LUCY (c) d. 6 Dec. 1920, age 43. Gabriel Cem.

BASKIN, ROME (c) b. 15 Aug. 1867 in Savannah, GA. d. 31 March, 1933.

BASS, JOSEPHINE (c) d. 1 Feb. 1930 Moss Point. age 52. Buried St Paul Cem. Informant, James BASS.

BATES, MARY (c) d. 20 Sept. 1915 age 31; widow, Gabriel Cem.

BAUM, WILLIAM FRANK; b. 1 April, 1928, d. 5 May, 1930. Father: Frank BAUM, b. in Austria, Hungry, Mother: Anna SMITH b. Chicago, IL.

BAWSHER, AMOS b. 10 Sept. 1842, d. 14 March, 1930 at East Side. Widow, farmer, informant E.B. DUNTEN of Pascagoula. Father: Baston BAWSHER b. Ohio, Mother: Sophia KOOTE, b. Ohio. Body shipped to LaGrange, IN.

BAXTER, WILLIAM MARTIN b. 25 Jan. 1856, d. 1 Dec. 1929. Buried Machpelah Cemetery.

BECHT, FRITZ DANIEL; b. 30 March, 1858, d. 22 Oct. 1930 in PascagouLA. Catholic, Widower, buried Greenwood Cemetery. Father: Franc BECHT, b. Germany, Mother: ? b. Germany

BECKHAM, MAMIE ELIZABETH b. 3 Oct. 1893; d. 25 Oct. 1918; buried Greenwood Cem. Father: C.L. OLSEN, b. Norway; Mother: Mamie BOBBE.

BEHNKE, EMMA LOUISE b. 23 Dec. 1870 Spring Field, IL. d. 1 March, 1934. Buried in Griffin Cem. Father: Frank DOWE, b. ME.

BELKNAP, WILLIAM HENRY b. 10 Nov. 1861, d. 14 Sept. 1931. R.R. Watchman, married, Baptist, buried Machpelah Cem. Father: Thomas BELKNAP, b. Braxton Co. W. VA. Mother: Jane DOBBINS, b. Gulmer Co. W. VA.

BEMIS, JOYCE EDWARD d. 8 July, 1927, buried Machpelah Cem.

BENEFIELD, CELIA FRANCES b. 10 Nov. 1851, d. 10 Feb. 1928. Buried in Machpelah Cem. Informant, R.B. BENEFIELD.

BENEFIELD, ROBERT B. b. 22 Dec. 1882, d. 22 March, 1931 in East Side from shot gun wound. Married, Methodist, buried in Orange Grove Cemetery. Father: James P. BENEFIELD, b. GA. Mother: Celie JONES, b. GA.

BENNETT, CAMPBELL d. April, 1914 at Nutbank. Inf. Ollie GOFF.

BERTRUM, LOUIS, d. 25 Dec. 1935, Mother: Henrietta CANFIELD.

BERTRAM, WILLIAM HENRY b. 10 Aug. 1882, d. 9 May, 1931 in Escatawpa. Buried Zion Cem. Father: John BERTRAM b. Germany; Mother: Victoria DoRANGE, b. France.

BERRY, EMMA (c) d. 27 Oct. 1929, buried St Paul Cem.

BICKEL, SARAH b. 4 June, 1827; d. 16 Jan. 1919. Buried in Big Point Cemetery.

BILBO, ALFRED d. 19 Oct. 1918 Gautier, MS.

BILBO, ALFRED d. 7 Jan. 1931 Gautier, buried in Gautier Cem. Father: Hiram BILBO, Mother: Hester FERRELL

BILBO, ALICE CECILA d. 11 Sept. 1934, Father: Charles LEROY.

BILBO, ALLEN d. 15 Jan. 1918 age 17; Machpelah Cemetery.

BILBO, CAROLINE d. 23 Nov. 1931 age 93, buried Gautier Cemetery. Father: Arthur FAIRLEY, b. Red Creek, MS. Mother: Julia FAIRLEY, b. Red Creek, MS.

BILBO, DAVID d. 7 Nov. 1928 age 49, buried Collard Cem.

BILBO, HESTER d. 24 March, 1924 in Gautier, MS.

BILBO, LIGE b. 15 April, 1879 d. 23 Feb. 1933. Father: Warner BILBO, b. Va. Mother: Eliza BARBER, b. VA.

BILBO, MINERVA (c) d. 25 Sept. 1917; Father: Henry Galloway.

BILBO, NED (c) d. 18 Dec. 1925 age 70; buried Gautier Cem.

BILBO, PATSIE (c) d. 16 Dec. 1926 age 42 years.

BILBO, SHERMAN (c) b. 6 Dec. 1865 in Pasc. d. 16 April, 1934. Father: Warner BILBO, b. Americus, MS. Mother: Eliza BARBER, b. Barber Co. W. Va.

BILBO, WARNER (c) b. March, 1830; d. 13 Oct. 1917. Buried Black Byrd Cemetery.

BISHOP, ROBERT L. b. 7 Jan. 1869 MS. d. 25 March, 1915. Buried Machpelah Cem; Father: R.L. BISHOP b. PA. Mother: Catherine FOX b. Ireland.

BISHOP, THOMAS T. b. 17 April, 1859; d. 9 May, 1914 from brights disease. Buried Machpelah Cem.

BIXBY, ALVAN HONEY b. 28 Sept. 1884, d. 16 July, 1929, buried in MA. Father: Alvan BIXBY b. VT. Mother: Agnes L. AVALLA b. Canada.

BLACK, JOE (c) d. 29 June, 1923 age 65, buried Brandon, Ms.

BLAKE, EDWINA (c) d. 28 April, 1916 age 45; St Paul Cem.

BLANKS, RICHARD (c) d. 13 June, 1917 age 49, Plinty Cem.

BLUMER, ADAM b. 3 Jan. 1839 Switzerland; d. 4 March, 1915 Moss Point. Buried Griffin Cem. Widow; FATHER: Jacob Blumer; MOTHER: Elizabeth Ackerman b. Switzerland.

BLUMER, PETER EMILE b. 23 Jan. 1868; d. 14 June, 1915 Laurel, Ms. Married; buried Griffin Cem.

BOA, RAYMOND d. 30 May, 1935 age 57. FATHER: Paul Boa, b. France, MOTHER: Lillie Johnson, b. Mobile.

BODDEN, RICHARD B. chg. to Capt. Willie L. Bodden, d. 2 Nov. 1930, Sea Captain, Married, buried Machpelah. Funeral in Mobile at 313 St Joseph St. Resident.

BOGDAHN, CHARLES SR. b. 25 Aug. 1858, d. 21 April, 1928. FATHER: b. in Germany.

BOGDAHN, EDA; b. 10 July, 1863 d. 20 Aug. 1930 Pascagoula, buried Greenwood. chg. to Charley Bogdahn

BOLDEN, HATTIE (c) d. 20 Feb. 1925 age 40, buried Gabriel.

BOLDEN, IVY b. 18 Dec. 1886, d. 16 March, 1935.

BOLDEN, IVY b. 18 Dec. 1886, d. 16 March, 1935.

BOLDEN, NATHAN d. 8 Sept. 1918 age 72; Gabriel Cem. FATHER: George Bolden. Inf. Jane Bolden.

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630	BYRD	JUNE		46	2	20698
630	BARRETT	LEON		63	1	1364
630	BYRD	LILLIE		25	2	10454
630	BARRETT	LIZZIE		38	2	7638
630	BRADY	LIZZIE		76	2	17695
630	BIRD	LONEA		75	2	5124
630	BEARD	LONZIA		22	2	8882
630	BARRETT	LUTHER		42	1	18813
630	BEARD	LUTHER		24	1	10443
630	BYRD	LOVAIDE		34	1	16854
630	BEARD	LUVENA		46	1	7847
630	BARRETT	LYLE		38	1	9248
630	BARTEE	MALISSA		30	2	4168
630	BIRD	MARGARET		68	2	9769
630	BRADY	MARGIE		48	2	12532
630	BURT	MARY		07	1	184
630	BYRD	MARY		43	2	988
630	BEARD	MARY		71	2	1628
630	BEARD	MARY		77	1	5199
630	BYRD	MATTIE		53	2	14138
630	BARRETT	MITTIE		69	1	14306
630	BYRD	NANCY		21	1	20193
630	BURT	OPHELIA		46	1	20697
630	BEARD	ORA		44	2	4564
630	BURT	ORVELL		38	1	9191
630	BARRETTE	PATSEY		80	2	1764
630	BRITT	PRIGILLA		22	2	10375
630	BYRD	RICH		22	2	10383
630	BYRD	RICHARD		43	1	9352
630	BEARD	ROBERT		06	2	13305
630	BAIRD	ROBERT		42	1	10841
630	BEARD	RODERICK		73	1	12939
630	BRADY	ROSIE		76	2	1706
630	BARRETT	SALLIE		42	2	4479
630	BYRD	SAMANTHA		25	1	4062
630	BRITT	SARAH	E	69	1	19454
630	BYRD	SEXTON		15	2	18151
630	BYRD	SHARBER		79	1	8456
630	BARDY	SUSANA		61	1	8105
630	BYRD	TONY		15	2	7135
630	BIRD	[illegible]		13	1	10227
630	BEARD	WALTER		26	2	549
630	BREED	WILLIAM	J	24	1	7269
631	BRADFORD	UNNAMED		81	2	14609
631	BROADBERRY	CHARLIE		42	2	2728
631	BRADFORD	EARL		14	2	7092
631	BRETTHAUPT	FREDERICK	J	75	1	12980
631	BRADFORD	FRANCENE		61	2	9645
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631	BRADBURY	LOUISA		49	2	19027
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...dismissing the case, Judge ...delberg declared that "the ...ce department has done as ...l as possible in obtaining wit...ses and conducting an investi...on and they had no aid from ... other source but there is not ...ficient testimony to warrant ...ding the defendant over to ... grand jury."

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Blue ribbons will be awarded ...follows: Gladioli—best single, ...t vase, or bouquet. Snapdrag...—best arranged bowl or vase. ...eet peas—best arranged bowl ... vase of these flowers in one ...or; best arranged bowl or vase ... mixed colors. Stock—best ar...ngement in bowl. Roses—best ...d; best bowl; best vase; best ...ket of ramblers. Nasturtiums ...best arrangement. Zinnias: best ...angement; best arrangement ... lilliputs. Shasta Daisy, or Mar...erites — best arrangement in ...wl or vase. Calendula—best ar...ngement in bowl or vase. Pop...s—best arrangement in vase. ...nsy—best arrangement in bowl ... vase. Petunia—best arrange...nt of mixed, best in one color. Pot plants — best geranium; ...st fern (maidenhair, Boston or ...engari). Best begonia — wax ...nk, wax red; (other pot plants ...cluded). Miniature bouquet— ... vase, single flower. Oldfash...ned bouquet—best mixed ar...ngement. Mixed flowers—best ...uquet in bowl or vase, best ...ixed flowers in basket. Odd ...wers, or plant."

The show will be open to the

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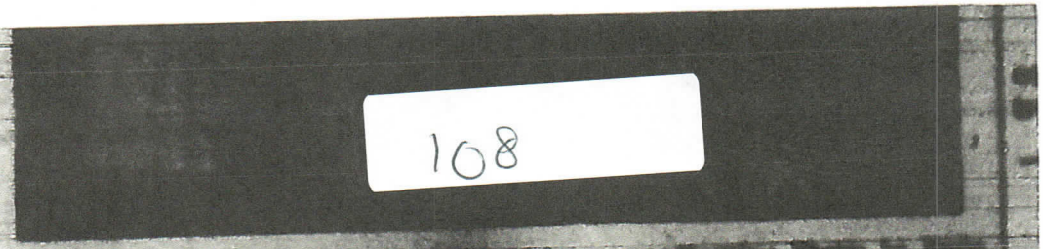

Mrs. George W. Blair, wife of Ingalls Hull Superintendent and sponsor, is shown breaking the bottle of champagne across the bow of the "S. S. Sea Scamp." Other members of the party included Mrs. J. H. Sweeney, matron of honor; Miss Jean Blair, maid of honor; and Miss Nancy Dean Blair.

Alberta Jones, Moss Point Negro, Dies At Hospital

With the death of Alberta Bartee Jones, Friday, Moss Point lost one of its best known and most respected members of its negro population.

Berta, as she was known to all, died at the Jackson County hospital just prior to a pending operation. Funeral services were held from the St. Paul's Methodist church of which she was a faithful and contant member, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Campbell.

For a number of years she cleaned the Merchant and Marine Bank of Pascagoula. It was never too hot nor did it ever rain too hard to keep Berta from her place of duty. She was known by almost every resident of Moss Point and she was never too busy to exchange greetings with passers-by.

The many flowers which covered her last resting place were sent by white as well as colored friends.

GETS ARMY DECORATION

Mexico City.—Claiming he performed an act of valor during one of Mexico's revolutions, a Mexican army officer has sued the defense ministry for the "Heroic Valor" decoration.

The officer, Maj. Eleuterio Escutia, said that with eight federal soldiers he held at bay 400 rebels who tried to seize a Guadalajara train.

The case is before the supreme

Mrs. Beardslee Succumbs At County Hospital

Mrs. Emmeline Beardslee, 80 years old, died at the Jackson County hospital, Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. after an illness of several months. She was the widow of H. C. Beardslee and was, through this marriage, connected with one of the oldest and most prominent families in Moss Point. Her husband had been for a number of years assistant postmaster in the Moss Point post office.

Mrs. Beardslee was a native of Greenwood, La., but she had lived in Moss Point since her marriage more than 30 years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. from the Fair Funeral Home with church services at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. T. Barton Hunt, assisted by the Rev. John F. Brock, officiated. Interment was in Griffin cemetery. Pallbearers were: E. V. Sutherland, Gregory Wood, Dr. J. F. Colley, Mark Fairley, W. M. Alexander and Louis Hayes.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Will P. Buck of Kenner, La., and one grandson, Eric Beardslee of Moss Point.

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Kansas City, Mo.—An ancient employee in the family of Kansas Wernall, Kansas City, ...

Jacque Bilbaud (Bilbo)

And Some Descendants

Jacque (Bilbo) Bilbaud was born in Port Des Saintorge- Barques, France. 31 July, 1700; account prepared by Captain George Hawes in James Town of the French refugees who have arrived in Virginia with the Marquis de la Muce. Jacques Bilbeau Pierre du Toy.

August 8, 1700; The Council of Virginia reports that there is no more land available in Norfolk County. The French Protestant refugees will be settled upon Mannikin Town on the James River, twenty miles above the falls. A muster has been taken showing the number of 108 men, 59 women and 38 children.

August 22, 1700; Letter from M. Charles de Suelly in James Town, VA to London reporting that Captain George Hawes of the "Mary Ann" treated the French refugees barbarously on the voyage and allowed their property and provisions to be stolen and destroyed.

Jacque Bilbaud (Bilbo) died in Manakintown in 1723. The wife of Jacque was Susannah Dutoit, daughter of Pierre Peter Dutoit and wife Barbara Bonnet. . Susannah died 5 October, 1751 Berkley, SC.

Only one son and two daughters have been connected to this early settler in VA.

John Peter Bilbo born 1706 in King William Parish, VA. He married in 1729 to Susane? And second to Elizabeth Chandler.

John Peter Bilbo is found in the household of Pierre Dutoi in 1723 as a tithable (tax payer) at age 16. In 1725 he gave his name as Bilbo for the first time, although his given name continued to be listed as Jean Pierre.

Bilbo was a leader in his Church and affluent for the time. He owned 162 acres of land in King William Parish in 1732. The previous year he was appointed processioner for lands. March 15, 1734 he took oath as Vestryman and October 30, 1742 he took the oath of Church Warden. Birth records indicate that John Peter Bilbo stood as godparent to many born in the area.
He moved to Lunenburg County as early as 1748, being shown on the tith list then. He patented 1626 acres of land on Allen's Creek. Some of the Bilbo children either remained in Manakin or moved back there after John Peter's death.

John Peter Bilbo died 2 April, 1751 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. His will bears the date 15 November, 1750 and is recorded in Lunenburg Co. in Deed book 1, page 496.

An account current of the estate of John Peter Bilbo, deceased, was returned by Elizabeth Bilbo Winders, administratirix and recorded on November 8, 1752. Elizabeth Bilbo had married Adam

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Winders shortly before November 8, 1852.

Eight Children, four by each wife:

1. James Jacques Bilbo born 30 June, 1730 Manakintown, VA., and died 9 December, 1799 in Lunenburg Co. VA. He was married twice, Mary Hobson and Dorothy Clack.

2. Marie Mary Bilbo born 23 June, 1733 VA. She married 3 February, 1756 in Cumberland Co. VA. to Young Short.

3. John (Jean) Bilbo born 26 September, 1735 Lunenburg Co. VA.

4. Elizabeth Bilbo, born 13 February, died March 20, 1737/38.

Children of John and Elizabeth Chandler:

5. William Bilbo born 25 May, 1747 VA. died 12 June, 1822 Mercer Co. KY. He married Sarah (Sally) Bugg
6. Elizabeth Bilbo born 5 October, 1740 VA.
7. Peter Bilbo born about 1742 VA.
8. Sarah Bilbo born about 1745 VA

John (Jean) Bilbo

Son of John Peter Bilbo

John Bilbo born 26 September, 1735 Lunenburg Co. Virginia and died between February 1809 when he made his will and 8 May, 1809 when it was probated in Mecklenburg Co. He lived in the part of Lunenburg Co. that fell into Mecklenburg Co. when it was formed in 1765.

John was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His date of enlistment was 4 November, 1775, 1st South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. C. Pinkney. He also donated beef and one smooth bore gun taken into service and not returned.

John was married three times. He first married Ann Walker, born 1744 in Lunenburg Co. VA., and the daughter of Tandy Walker Sr. and wife Judith Langford Walker. Ann died in 1786 when Thomas Bilbo was only ten (10) years old.

John married second to Mary Clemonds on 28 September, 1786 in Mecklenburg Co. Mary died before April 2, 1807 for this is when John Married widow Mary Wright Nicholson. Mary died in 1825 when her estate was administered.

At least three of the Bilbo children came to the Mississippi Territory. Thomas and his brother John and their half brother William Ray who married Charlotte Ryan all were in the Mississippi Territory and later the State of Mississippi.

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Seven Children:

1. Judith Bilbo born 1761 VA., died 1830 in Henderson Co. KY. She married a Bennett Sandefur Sr
2. Susanna Bilbo born 29 April, 1764 VA., died 6 August, 1787 Mecklenburg Co. VA. She married Edmond Short.
3. John Bilbo born 7 October, 1766 VA., married 18 November, 1818 Warren Co. NC., to Lucy Paine. John died 1840 in Lawrence Co. MS.
4. Elizabeth Bilbo married 25 May, 1794 Mecklenburg Co. VA. to Samuel Bugg, Jr.
5. Thomas Bilbo, born 20 June, 1776 Lunenburg Co. VA., and died 20 September, 1846 Calcasieu Parish, LA.
6. Allen Moss Bilbo born 1788, died 1815. Married Martha Farrar
7. William Ray Bilbo born 1790 VA. died 1846 MS. He married Charlotte Ryan, daughter of Isaac Ryan.

Thomas Bilbo

Son of John and Ann Bilbo

Thomas Bilbo was born 20 June, 1776 in Lunenburg Co. VA. He married 12 July, 1804 in Columbus, Mississippi Territory to Anna Marie Lawrence, daughter of Richard Lawrence. Anna was born 7 April, 1788 in VA., and died 1870 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, LA.

It is known from the will of John Bilbo that he left his son, Thomas Bilbo a horse, saddle and bridle and nothing more.

Thomas was still living in Mecklenburg Co. VA. in 1799 as he witnessed the will of his Uncle, James Bilbo. Shortly after this time he left for the Mississippi Territory. He is found in the Territory in the early 1800's as a surveyor. During the year 1812 Jackson County was formed and the County seat was established at Thomas Bilbo's house.

Thomas served as a Judge for the County. The War of 1812 had started and the 17th Regiment was formed with Bilbo elected as Major. The Unit fought the Creek Indians and served with Andrew Jackson at New Orleans.

Thomas Bilbo is found to have signed numerous petitions to Congress requesting assistance for the Territory. He was elected to represent Jackson County at a Constitutional Convention and was an original drafter of the Constitution for the State of Mississippi.

The first School in the Mississippi Territory was established at the home of Thomas Bilbo. He was elected as Justice to the Quorum Court, the highest court in the Territory for 1812, 1819 and 1823. Thomas served in the Mississippi House as a Legislator in 1821,1823,1825 and 1829.

Thomas Bilbo left Mississippi and settled in St Landry Parish, LA., in 1832. He moved into Contonement Atkinson which was formerly used a Fort for Army troops. He was the second

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settler on the lakefront at Lake Charles, LA.

Bilbo helped to form Calcasieu Parish, LA., and served on the first Police Jury (County Court). He engaged Thomas Rigmaiden as the first teacher in the Parish and paid him from Parish funds.

Thomas Bilbo had numerous people stop at his place as he was located on "The Old Spanish Trail". The Texas Revolution was in March 1836 with General Santa Anna of the Mexican Army having been captured. Santa was released on November 26, 1836 and was escorted to Washington by three Texas Army Officers. They stopped for the night at Bilbo's a few days later. Thomas Rigmaiden, the School Teacher kept a diary which read: "Heard Santa Anna at Mr. Bilbo's last night." The diary also had an entry that Thomas Bilbo died September 20, 1846.

Thomas Bilbo left his will dated 24 April, 1844 and probated 3 October, 1846 at Calcasieu Parish, LA. His widow Ann was executrix with sons, Joseph Lawrence, William L. and son-in-law, Columbust Gillett as executors, without giving bond.

Children of Thomas and Ann Lawrence Bilbo:

1. John Bilbo born 8 May, 1806 MS. Territory and died 22 May, 1845 in LA.

2. Nancy Bilbo born 14 January, 1808 MS Territory married Isham Reeves.

3. Jane Bilbo born 10 March, 1810 MS. Territory married Wyatt Dupree

4. Joseph Lawrence Bilbo born 12 March, 1812. Married 12 April, 1858 Calcasieu Parish, Georgia Elmira Hodges.

5. William Lawrence Bilbo born 25 March, 1814 Jackson Co. MS. married 1839 LA. To Hulda Cole

6. Rebecca Gaines Bilbo, born 22 March, 1818 Jackson Co. Died 31 December, 1871 Lake Charles, LA. Married Jacob Ryan, Jr.

7. Anna Marie Bilbo born 12 June, 1820 Jackson Co. married 20 May, 1840 LA., to Columbus Gillett

8. Laura Esther Bilbo born October, 1827, married James Glenn and Burnett Johnson

9. Margaret Bilbo born 3 September, 1832 LA., died 8 April, 1840 LA.

Other Bilbo researchers:
C. R. Adamson of TX
Ryleada@aol.com

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mallen96@flash.net

Burial Insurance
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. O'Bryant, Pres.

a Lucille Richardson
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at Singing River Hospi-
May 5, 1977. Mrs. Jones
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May 7, at 2 p.m. from the Helena First Baptist Church with the Rev. Valton Douglas, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Machpelah Cemetery.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home.

ROBINSON'S FRIENDLY FUNERAL HOME
Lucedale — Moss Point
Fred Robinson Jr., Mortician

NETTLES

Mrs. Essie Nettles, 67, 145 Myers Street, Moss Point, died Wednesday, May 4, 1977, at Singing River Hospital. Mrs. Nettles was a native and lifelong resident of Moss Point. She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Sam Nettles Jr., Moss Point; one son, Willie Nettles, Nashville, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Turner, Moss Point; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Bradley, Moss Point; nine grandchildren; and other relatives.

Friends may call today, May 6,, at Robinson's Friendly Funeral Home after 5 p.m. Services will be Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. from St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold Leverette, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in First Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements by Robinson's Friendly Funeral Home.

GULF FUNERAL SERVICE
1809 E. Telephone Rd.
Pascagoula

HOLDER-WELLS FUNERAL HOME
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One of the drivers involved ir
at 4:40 p.m. Thursday on King
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Ronald E. Rebecca, 33, 2303
Ave., Pascagoula, was giv
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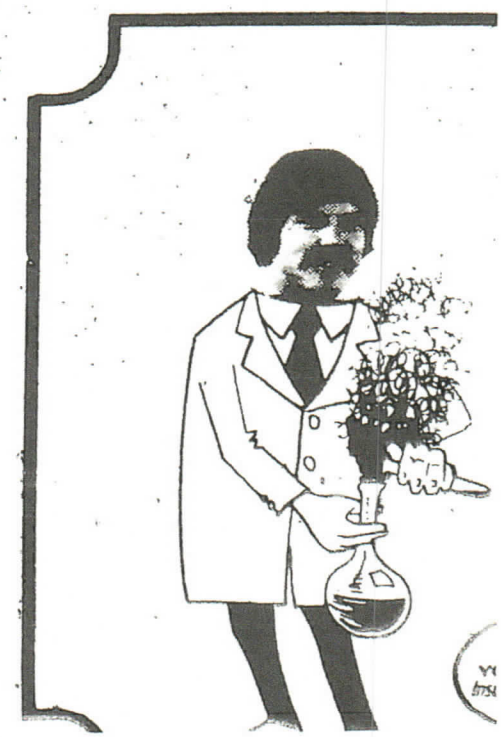

State of Mississippi.
County of Jackson.

In the Chancery Court of Jackson County, September Term 1907.

In re the Last will and testament of Elam Bilbo, deceased. } No. 1686.

Upob reading and filing the petition of Julius C. Jacobs, duly verified, for the probate of a certain isntrument of writing purporting and alleged to be the last will andtestament of Elam Bilbo, deceased, late a resident of this county, and also relinquidhing and renouncing the office and trust of executor, therein confided to the petitioner thereupon; and praying for the dispensing with of the appointment of appraisers upon the said estate, for reasons therein stated;

And upon taking and reading the testimony of John Brazil, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto;

The Court, after hearing, all and singular, the proofs and allegations adduced, preferred abd submitted, and maturely considering the same, and being now satisfied that said instrument is fully and legally established as the true and original last will and testament of the said Elam Bilbo, deceased; and that the said Elam Bilbo was on the day of the date of said will, that is to say, on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1905, of lawful age to devise, and of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, and of right and in law entitled to make said will;

It is thereupon considered, ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and original last will and testament of the said Elam Bilbo, deceased;

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the renunciation of the said petitioner of the office of executor as nominated in said last will and testament be and the same is hereby accepted by the Court, and that the other matters and things contained in said petition are ordered and decreed accordingly.

Ordered, adjudged, and decreed this 27 day of September, A. D. 1907.

V. A. Collins
Chancellor

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No. 1450

Masonic Benefit Association

(ORGANIZED 1880)

OF THE

M. W. STRINGER

GRAND LODGE

DEUM SERVAMUS, NOSTRAS VIDUAS
ET ORPHANOS SUSTINEBIMUS

OFFICE OF TREASURER

Will pay to Bro. Elam Bilbo
of Belus Lodge No. 336 at West Pascagoula Mississippi

WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE

MASONIC BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

This Certificate Witnesseth: That the Masonic Benefit Association of the M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., of Mississippi, will pay to Elam Bilbo upon his death, Five Hundred Dollars ($500) provided he is in good financial standing with the Masonic Benefit Association and in good standing with his local lodge at the time of his death.

Any failure to comply strictly with the laws and regulations of the Masonic Benefit Association, as prescribed by the aforesaid Grand Lodge, causes forfeiture in the membership represented by this Certificate.

No suit shall be maintained on this claim unless instituted within one year after the member's death.

Proof of death must be filed in the M. B. A. within 30 days after death of member.

Given under my hand and official seal at Edwards, Mississippi, this 21st day of January 1905

[SEAL] E. E. Perkins
SEC'Y AND TREAS.

I, Elam E. Bilbo of West Pascagoula Miss aged 37 years, being of sound and disposing mind, give and bequeath the money due to me by virtue of the certificate upon which this, my last will, is endorsed unto Wife Jannette Bilbo Who is to receive $100.00/100 of said Money and the remainder of $400.00 to be devided Equaly among my (6) living Children (Olivia, Chas. Frank, James, Victor Oskar, Bilbo)

In witness whereof, I, this the 13 day of May 1905, sign, publish and declare this instrument as my will, so far as the money is concerned, which is due me after my death from the Masonic Benefit Association. I appoint J. C. Jacob as my executor.

Elam E. Bilbo

STATE OF Miss

Jackson COUNTY.

The said Elam E. Bilbo on the 13th day of May 1905 signed the foregoing instrument and published and declared the same in our presence and in the presence of each other, as his last will, and we, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, on said date, have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses thereof.

A. M. Quinn W. M.
Charles Laster J. W.
John Brazel S. D.

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State of Mississippi.
County of Jackson.

In the Chancery Court, ~~In Vacation, May~~ September Term 1907.

In Re a certain Instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of ~~Louis Blackman~~ Elam Bilbo, Dec'd.

Personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said state and county, John Brazil, one of the sibscribing witnesses to the foregoing and annexxed instrument of writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of ~~Louis Blackman~~ Elam Bilbo, deceased, late of Jackson County, who having been first duly sworn, says that the said ~~Louis Blackman~~ Elam Bilbo, signed, published and declared the said instrument as and for his last will and testament on the 13th day of May, A. D. 1905, the day of the date of the instrument, in the presence of this deponent, and in the presence of A. M. Turner and Chas. Laster the other sibscribing witnesses therete, and that the said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory, was more than twenty-one years of age; and that this deponent and the other subscribing witnesses therete, subscribed and attested said instrument as witnesses to the signature and publication thereof, at the special instance and in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, on the day and date thereof.

John Brazil

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 20 day of ~~May~~ June, A. D. 1907.

F H Lewis Chancery
Clerk Jackson Co
Miss

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State of Mississippi.

County of Jackson.

In the Chancery Court, ~~In Vacation,~~ September ~~June~~ Term ~~May~~ 1907.

In Re a certain instrument purporting

to be the Last Will and Testament of

Elam Bilbo ~~Louis Blackman~~, Dec'd.

To the Honorable Chancery Court of Jackson County: ss.

The petition of Julius C. Jacobs respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court, that, Elam Bilbo ~~Louis Blackman~~, late a resident citizen of the said state and county departed this life, on or about the 20th day of July ~~October~~, A. D. 1905 ~~1907~~, at the town of Neat Pascagoula, said state and county, leaving a last will and testament, duly signed, published and attested, as your petitioner believes, and which he, in pursuance of the statute, herewith presents for probate; that said last will is subscribed by A. M. Quinn and Chas Laster and John Brazel as witnesses to the signature and publication thereof, all of whom, as your petitioner knows now reside in said county: That said testator in hsi said will and testament nominated and appointed your petitioner executor thereof, but your petitioner has in due form of law, and in writing renounced his executorship, as will more fully appear to this Honorable Court on a reference to his renounciation, now on the files of this Honorable Court; that the said Elam Bilbo ~~Louis Blackman~~ died possessed of personal estate, towit; one insurance policy in the Masonic Benefit Association of the value of Five Hundred Dollars; and one insurance policy in the endowment department of the District Grand Tabernacle No 5 of the G. G. A. O. B. & S. of L. & C. of the value of (100) One Hundred Dollars; making a sum total of Six Hundred Dollars. And your petitoner further prays that it may please this Honrable Court to ~~grant~~ waive the granting of letters testamentary to the County Adminsitrator of the County of Jackson, in accordance with the statutes in such case made and provided; said personal property being exempt from debts of the testator, and further that owing to the smallness of the estate that the appointment of appraisers may be dispensed with.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, etc.

Julius C. Jacobs

Sworn to be fore me and subscribed in my presence, this 3 day of June ~~May~~, A. D. 1907.

F. H. Lewis
Ch. Ct. Jackson
Co. Miss.

J. A. Burns
Att'y for Petitioner.

State of Mississippi.

Jackson County.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS.

That we, Easter Bilbo, Bettie Reed, John Bilbo, Polly Davis, Eliza Turner, Melton Bilbo, Sardin Bilbo, and Cynthia Hill, widow and children, the sole and only heirs at law of Nat Bilbo, deceased, late of Jackson County, Mississippi, for and in consideration of the price and sum of $25.00 cash to us in hand paid by Manuel Burney, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do by these presents, hereby sell, convey and warrant unto the said Manuel Burney, the lands situate in said county and state known and described as follows, tp wit:

Being Four (4) Chains West of the South East Corner of the SW¼ of SE¼ of Section No. 5. Township 6 South Range 7 West, and running North 11 chains, thence West Five (5) Chains, Thence South 11 chains, thence East Five Chains, to the place of beginning and containing five and one half acres more or less.

Witness our hands upon this the _____ day of April, 1924.

Easter Bilbo
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John Bilbo

Polly Davies

Melton Bilbo

Eliza Billbo Turner

Sardin Bilbo

Cynthia Bilbo Collard

State of Mississippi.

Jackson County.

Before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, this day personally appeared the above named Easter Bilbo, Polly Davis, and Sardin Bilbo, who severally acknowledged to me that they signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as their free and viluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and official seal upon this the 2 day of August, 1924.

(L.S.) C. L. Dees (Notary Public.)

My Com. Expires May 11-1925.

State of Mississippi.

County of Lamar

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, the above named Betty Reed, who acknowledged to me that she signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as her free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office upon this the 14th day of July, 1924.

(L.S.) Mrs. A. F. Foley, Notary Public.

State of Mississippi.

County of Harrison.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authoruty in and for said county and state, the above named John Bilbo who acknowledged to me that he signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as his free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office upon this the 17 day of March 1924.

(L.S.) C. L. Dees (Notary Public)
My Com. Expires May 11--1925.

State of Mississippi.

County of Harrison.

This day personally appeare before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state the above named Eliza Bilbo Turner, who acknowledged to me that she signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as her free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness ,y hand and seal of office upon this the 3rd day of July 1924.

(L.S.) T. H. Gleason, Notary Public.

State of Alabama.

County of Mobile.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state the above named Cynthia Hill, who acknowledged to me that she signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as her free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office upon this the _____ day of April 1924.

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State of Mississippi,

County of Jackson

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said county and state, the above named Melton Bilbo, who acknowledged to me that he signed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument of conveyance upon the day and year the same bears date as his free and voluntary act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal of office upon this the 27 day of December 1924.

(L.S.) C. L. Dees,(Notary Public.)

My com. Expires May 11-1925.

Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock P. M., recorded July 31, 1926.

Filing	.05
Recording	.70
Certificate	.50
Total	$ 1.25

G. Ben Taylor Clerk.

WARRANTY DEED.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

COUNTY OF JACKSON.

For and in consideration of the price and sum of Forty-five and no/100 Dollars, ($45.00) cash to us in hand paid by Manuel Burney, we, John Brown and Eliza Brown, his wife, do hereby, bargain, sell, convey, and warrant unto the said Manuel Burney, the following described land lying, being and situate in Section Eight, (8) Township Six (6) South, Range Seven (7) West, of the State and County aforesaid, and being more particularly described as follows,to-wit:

Beginning at the N.W. corner of the N.W.1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of the aforesaid Section Eight (8) and running East 16 chains, thence South 6 chains, thence West 12 chains, thence North 2 chains, thence West 4 chains, thence North 4 chains, to the place of beginning, containing 8-8/10 acres, more or less.

Witness our hands this the 6 day of July 1925.

John his x mark Brown

Eliza her x mark Brown

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF JACKSON.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said County

and State, John Brown and Eliza Brown who acknowledged that they signed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year therein set out.

WITNESS my official hand and seal this the 6th day of July 1925.

S. M. Ware J.P.

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Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock P.M., recorded July 31, 1926.

Filing ..... .05
Recording .35
Certificate ..... .50
Total ..... $ .90

Clerk.

DEED

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF JACKSON.

Know all men by these presents, that I James Reed, for and in consideration of the price and sum of Forty (40) Dollars cash to me in hand paid by S.C. Bilbo, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and warrant to the said S. C. Bilbo that certain tract, piece or parcel of landsituated in Section 9 Township 6 South, Range 7 West, in Jackson County, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows,to-wit:

Beginning at S.E. corner of S.W.¼ of NE¼ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 7 West, and running North Eight (8) Chains to place of beginning, and then running North Two (2) Chains, thence West Two (2) Chains and Fifty (50) Links, thence South Two (2) Chains, thence East Two (2) Chains and Fifty (50) Links to place of beginning, containing One-Half (½) Acre on east end of Lot 6 of the Kemp Reid Estate.

Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances free from and against the claims of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of january 1926.

James Reid (SEAL)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
JACKSON COUNTY.)

Personally appeared before me a J.P. notary public in and for said County and State, the above named James Reed who acknowledged that he signed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 4th day of january 1926. A.D.

(L.S.) S.M. Ware J P and Notary Public.

Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock, P.M., recorded July 31, 1926.

Filing ..... .05
Recording .35
Certificate .50
Total ..... $ .90

Clerk.

WARRANTY DEED.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
JACKSON COUNTY.

Know all men by these presents, That, we, John Brown and Eliza Brown, his wife, for and in consideration of the price and sum of Twenty and no/100 Dollars, cash to me in hand paid by Sam Burney, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and warrant to the said Sam Burney that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 7 West in Jackson County, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

THAT certain piece or parcel of land beginning at the north-east corner of

NW1/4 of NE1/4 of Section 8 Township 6 South, Range 7 West, and running South 6 chains and 32 links, then beginning and running West 3 chains and 16 links, thence South 3 chains and 16 links, thence East 3 chains and 16 links, thence North 3 chains and 16 links, back to place of beginning, containing one acre more or less.

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Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances free from and against the claims of ourheirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and against the lawful claims of all persons whosoever.

In testimony whereof wehave hereunto set ourhandsand sealsthis the 3rd day of April 1926.

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John x Brown
mark her
Eliza x Brown
mark

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, the above named John Brown and Eliza Brown, his wife, who acknowledged that they signed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year thereinmentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of April A.D. 1926.

(L.S.) S. M. Ware J. P. and Notary Public.

Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock P.M., recorded July 31, 1926.

Filing	.05
Recording	.35
Certificate	.50
Total	$ .90

Clerk.

WARRANTY DEED.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

JACKSON COUNTY.

Know all men by these presents, That I, Sam Burney, for and in consideration of the price and sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars, cash to me in hand paid by Manuel Burney, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell convey and warrant to the said Manuel Burney thatcertain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Section 5 Township 6 South, Range 7 West, in Jackson County, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows,to-wit:

Beginning at the S.E. Corner of S.W.1/4 of S.E. 1/4, Section 5, Township 6 S Range 7 W. and running North, eight and thirty three hundredths chains; thence North 56° (degrees) West five and eighty four hundredths chains; thence South eleven chains; thence East four chains to place of beginning making four and one-half acres more or less.

Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances free from and against the claims of my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1926.

Sam Burney (SEAL)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JACKSON COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me the underisgned authority in and for said County and State, the above named Sam Burney who acknowledged that he signed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office, this 30day of July A.D. 1926.

(L.S.) C. L. Dees, (Notary Public)
My Com. Expires May 11-1929

Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock P.M., recorded July 31, 1926.

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Filing	.05
Recording	.35
Certificate	.50
Total	$ .90

Clerk.

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WARRANTY DEED.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON COUNTY.

Know all men by these presents, That we, John Brown and Eliza Brown, his wife, for and in consideration of the price and sum of Ninety-Eight and no/100 Dollars ($98.00) cash to me in hand paid by Manual Burney, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and warrant to the said Manual Burney, that certain tract, piece or parcel of land situated in Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 7 West, in Jackson County, State of Mississippi, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

That certain piece or parcel of land beginning 9 chains and 48 links South of north-east corner of NW1/4 of NE1/4, Section 8, Township 6 South, Range 7 West, and running West 3 chains and 16 links, thence North 3 chains and 16 links, thence West 4 chains and 74 links thence South 13 chains and 68 links, thence East 7 Chains and 90 links, thence North 10 chains and 52 links back to place of beginning, containing 9.80/100 acres more or less.

Together with all and singular the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold the same with the appurtenances free from and against the claims of our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and against the lawful claims of all persons whosoever.

In testimony whereof wehave hereunto set our hands and seals this the 3rd day of April 1926.

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John x Brown
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Eliza x Brown
mark

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON COUNTY.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, the above names John Brown and Eliza Brown, his wife, who acknowledged that they signed and delivered the foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned.

Given under myhand and seal of office this 3rd day of April A.D. 1926.

(L.S.) S. M. Ware J.P. and Notary Public.

Filed for record July 31, 1926 at 1:30 o'clock, P.M., recorded July 31, 1926.

Filing	.05
Recording	.35
Certificate	.50
Total	$ .90

Clerk.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON COUNTY.

For and in consideration of the price and sum of One Hundred Dollars, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, Wille Ladnier and Mary E. Ladnier, his wife, do hereby sell, convey and warrant unto J.R. Nelson that certain tract of land in Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 5 West in Jackson County, Mississippi described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the N.W. corner of A.J. Welch's Lot on South margin of rightsof way of the Mississippi Export Railway Company, and running thence South along the West margin of said Lot a distance of seventy-nine (79), feet, more or less, to the South Margin of right of way

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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Wife			Husband	
SOPHIA		Name	FRANK BILBO	
		Born		
		Married		
		Died		
		Burial		
		Father		
		Mother		
	husband	Other (if any)	wife	

Notes 5 sons – 17 Daughters

Date married & spouse

#	Sex	Children in order of birth	Born Day Month Year	Where born	Died Day Month Year	Where died
1		SCOTT BILBO				
2		BORDEN BILBO				
3		FRED BILBO				
4		ADAM BILBO				
5		VIRGIL BILBO				
6		ALPHIS BILBO JOHN BLAKE	5 children – FRANK, LAURA, [illegible], Lilia, [illegible]			
7		EVELYN BILBO				
8		FRANCES BILBO				
9		JANET McPHERSON				
10		HESTER THOMPSON				
11		ADDIA MOORE				
12		THERESA BILBO NATHAN SMITH	1 child, Flora m LLOYD HANKS			

Source
13. EVA KENNEDY

By

Form 2

Frank, Hiram, Nathaniel,
Clara, Warner

Source- Bilbo and Kin (Pascagoula Lib)
by Polly Ray

THE NAMES

The name originated in France and a descendant visiting there recently noted in Paris a bank called "Bank de Bilboa". In early records the French spellings of Billiebo, Bilbaud, Bilbun, Bilbeau, Billiebeau and Bilboun were found, which soon took the English spelling of Bilbo in this country. The theory behind the change in spelling is that the English clerks simply recorded the names as they sounded.

Given names in French were Jacques, Jean, Pierre, Elizabet and Maria, anglicized to James, John, Peter, Elizabeth and Mary. Favorite given names in the family were James, John, William, Joseph and Thomas. These names were found in most of the earlier generations, which made the task of putting the descendants in their rightful place very difficult.

In the following history, the spelling will be given as it appeared in the records.

The meaning of the name has been reported as "Bilbo is a word of French origin, meaning a finely tempered sword, or a long bar of iron with sliding shackles used to confine the feet". In Current Biography 1943, the late U. S. Senator Theodore G. Bilbo of Miss., was quoted as saying: "My name means a two edged sword. What's more, I am both edges".

Not to be confused with the name is Bilbro. This spelling appears to be a distinct name in no way related to Bilbo. Admittedly, it has been necessary to follow up leads on Bilbro in searching for Bilbo because of the misinterpretation of the handwritten old records.

THE HUGUENOTS

A history of the Bilbo family would not be complete without a brief history of the Huguenots of France, since our ancestor can be traced to this movement.

The Huguenots were French Protestants in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The name had it's origin presumably from the fact that they met by night at the gate of King Hugo whom the people regarded as a spirit. The break from the Catholic church in France had it's beginning in the sixteenth century. The followers of the new religion grew rapidly in spite of official opposition, but failed to establish religious freedom or tolerance.

From 1562 to 1598, the Catholics and Huguenots fought each other in violent encounters which culminated in the massacre of a great number of protestants throughout the entire Kingdom on August 23, 1572, the eve of St. Bartholomew's Day. Henry IV in 1594, with the Edict of Nantes, granted the Huguenots privileges of private worship and liberty of conscience. During the reign of Louis XIV the religious freedoms were gradually withdrawn and abolished completely by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes October 18, 1685. This led to the immigration of over 400,000 Huguenots to Prussia, Holland, The British Isles, Switzerland and North America.

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